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Driven To Quit

Smokers Encouraged to Take Up the Challenge And Kick Their Tobacco Habit – You May Win A Great Prize In Doing So!!

If you're finding it hard to get on the road to smoke-free living, the chance to win a brand-new car may be just what you need to move towards your goal.

Smokers are being encouraged to kick the habit for the entire month of March as part of the annual Driven To Quit Challenge. By staying smoke-free for the entire month, people can win a 2007 Acura CSX car or one of seven Sony 32-inch widescreen LCD high-definition televisions.

To enter the contest, smokers can register on-line at www.driventoquit.ca by February 28, 2007. Contest entrants must be Ontario residents who are 19 years of age or older. To help them in the quitting process, people who sign up for the contest must find a "non-smoking buddy" to offer them support. Buddies are also eligible to win a \$250 Sears gift certificate.

"It's never easy to kick the habit, but if you are looking for motivation beyond the health benefits of going smoke-free, then picture a new Acura in your driveway," says Sue Shikaze, a Health Promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The local Health Unit is promoting the Driven to Quit Challenge in Haliburton County. Entry forms for the Challenge are available at the Health Unit office in Haliburton Village or by visiting www.hkpr.on.ca.



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Are you a 'cancer survivor'?

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Sirch Community Hospice in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society is offering a "Living With Cancer" support group. A diagnosis of cancer can be frightening and isolating. The support of others who share your experience can be extremely helpful. This group will provide a safe, comfortable and confidential place for individuals who have been diagnosed with any form of cancer, to share their fears and concerns...their successes and achievements... and to learn from others about 'Living with Cancer'. Being with people who have a similar experience can be encouraging, enlightening and help you to realize... "you are not alone."

As well as taking the time to share with others, there will be opportunities to learn more about topics that matter to those who are 'living with cancer'. Guest speakers will be invited to share their expertise in areas that are of interest to the group.

The group will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month beginning on February 20th. For further information about time and location please call Linda or Dorothy at 457-1742. They will be happy to let you know about the group!

Old Timers Hockey – for a Mission!

The Battle of the Titans

To support the Mexico Teen Mission Team, organized by the Haliburton United Church, the Haliburton Huskies, Old Timers Division, will be facing off against a combo team from the Minden OPP and the MNR in Haliburton this Friday night, February 9th.

Reverend Harry Morgan is spearheading this cross-County initiative, with help from Lakeside Baptist Church and St. George's Anglican. Two years ago a very successful Mission went to Venezuela and it's hoped this year's Mexico Mission can be just as successful.

The Huskies team will feature noted Old Timers Larry Hartin, Bob Woodcock, and Roger Scheffee among many others. There will be door prizes, lots of gags, lots of fun hockey, for a great cause.

The game will take place at the Dysart Arena in Haliburton on Friday, February 9th, at 6:30 pm. Tickets are just \$5 per person, or \$10 per family, and are available at Baubles n' Bon Bons and Outdoors Plus in Haliburton, from the Old Timers themselves, or at the door.

Driven To Quit Smoking Cont'd...

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To help those planning to quit for the contest, the Health Unit will also host a Driven To Quit information session on Wednesday, February 21 at 7 pm at its Haliburton office (191 Highland Dr., Unit 301). The free session will provide tips and resources on how to successfully become smoke-free. For more information and to sign up for the quit-smoking session, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.

Shikaze says people who quit smoking are winners, whether or not they capture a prize in the upcoming Driven To Quit Challenge.

"By becoming smoke-free, you are protecting your health and that of your loved ones, and that's a great reward in itself," she adds.

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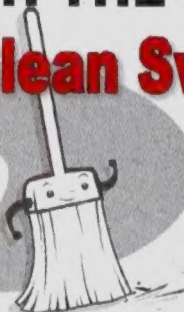
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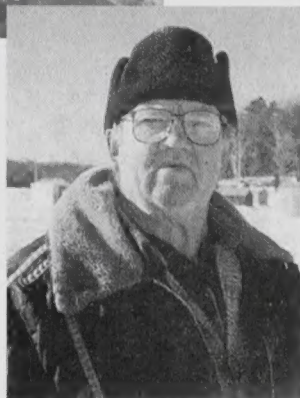
They called him Bake, and he was quite a character. Bake lived in the community of Halls Lake for over 30 years, and he passed away about 4 years ago now. He was, to hear Kathy Alcock tell it, a Jack-of-all-trades. He had an excavating business, sold firewood, and ploughed driveways, and above all he loved his ice fishing. "He was like an Archie Bunker type," says Kathy with reverence. "He either liked you or told you if he didn't. You couldn't sugar-coat him, he was what he was, but many people loved him for his dry sense of humour, and if you had a problem you could go to Bake. In spite of his brassiness he had a heart of gold."

Through the ice-fishing community of Halls Lake the idea was born in 2006 to stage a fishing derby in memory of Bake. "Bake was very dedicated to the Stanhope Fire Department, so it was decided to expand to include a fund-raiser for the Fire Department," explains Kathy. People who enter the derby pay an entrance fee of \$10 each and that is split between derby winners. In addition we sell food and hot drinks, 50/50 tickets, buy-a-square board, and prize tickets. At our first annual ice fishing derby last year we had about 75 people participating, and an absolutely overwhelming donation from the community of cash and prizes. People came out of the woodwork who Bake had helped years ago, and we raised \$400 for the Stanhope Fire Department, which exceeded our expectations," says Kathy. "The Fire Department was very grateful and the idea was born that they would assist us with future derbies."

"One of the things we learned last year," Kathy says, "is that barbecues don't light well in the wind on the middle of the lake, so this year we are talking about putting up wind-breaks of some kind. It's a lot of work putting something like this together, but in the end it was very rewarding to see Bake remembered." The Derby is basically organized by the Stiver family, of which Kathy is a member. "The Stivers and the Baker family have been known as one family for many years," says Kathy. In addition to Kathy Alcock, the Stiver family organizers consist of Christine Gonzales, and Dan Stiver who is a volunteer fire fighter out of the Stanhope

Station. As well, the whole clan helps out-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, plus neighbors and friends. "We couldn't do it without their help" she says, "there's so much running around to do. And with the help of the Fire Department we are hoping to raise even more money at this years 2nd annual ice fishing derby."

This year, Kathy says, they have a plan. "The Fire Department needs their own boat to get the men and equipment to cottages with water-only access, and funds raised will go to help them in the purchasing of the boat. Because our methods of raising funds was so successful last year, we are basically doing the same thing again and building on that success. One of the comments last year was that there was so many prizes, and the fact that there was a lot of good food, like beef on a bun, hot dogs, hot and cold drinks, and plenty of snacks."



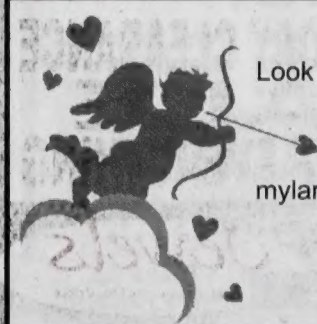
"Bake"

This year will be catch and release again with prizes for the first person to catch a fish, most fish, and biggest fish. All people entering must have a license, where required. "We're following all ministry licensing and slot-size rules," says Kathy. She remembers how much fun people had at last year's derby. "People really enjoyed it," she says. "The number of prizes donated by businesses and organizations were fantastic, and almost everybody got a prize. All participants have an opportunity to win additional prizes by

purchasing tickets for the fund-raising ticket draws. So come on out, have some fun and contribute to a great cause, held in the memory of a great man."

Keep an eye out for the derby posters, Kathy says they will be posted everywhere. The date for the Bake Fishing Derby is February 17/07. Registration is from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. at the Halls Lake Public Boat Launch, on Old Mill Rd. Fishing starts at 9:00 am and goes until 3:00 pm. Registration is \$10/person. For more information call Kathy Alcock (705) 489-1161, or email, christine_gonzales@rogers.com

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Kennisis Marina

Spotlight

by Stephen Patrick

On Business

Kennisis Marina Has Been Around For Over 40 Years and Still Going Strong

This winter has seen some of the wildest shifts in the weather that anyone can recall. With the exception of one brief winter blast in early December, the autumn essentially lasted halfway into January. Lakes were open, creeks were running, birds were singing, and the heating bills were definitely down down down.

But so were all the Haliburton businesses that depend on the cold and the snow just to break even in the winter months. For Mike and Jeanne Zaun, proud owners of Kennisis Marina, the start to this year's season couldn't have been worse. "But you know that your winter business is almost completely dependent on the weather," says Mike, "and you adjust accordingly. In our business the only thing that's close to being a given is our summer trade – and you usually predict that within a few percentage points."

Both Mike and Jeanne have a refreshingly philosophical and long-range view of their business, and the challenges it brings – as well as a great sense of humour about the crazy weather. "We know we can't change a thing," smiles Jeanne, "so you just continue working hard and giving your customers the best possible service you can."

Kennisis Marine is a full-service Bombardier dealership selling those beautiful new Ski-Doo's and providing fully accredited service and



repairs to all makes and models of snow machines. "The business has changed so much over the last 10 years," says Mike. "We concentrate on supplying machines to the single rider part of the market, the guys and girls who really want to get out there and move it along. But we're also there for the family snowmobiler – we're really proud of our service and we know how much it pays off." And when you're paying as much as \$17,000 for a snow machine these days, you sure expect some service.

Kennisis Marina has been around for over forty years, and got a new lease on life when Doug and Pam Mahood bought the business and the land in 1992. Doug had been a cottager for many years, and was a successful Scarborough businessman and politician, serving many years on Toronto City Council. Mike Zaun's family had also become

Kennisis cottagers in the early 1990s and in fact lived just around the corner from the Mahoods in Scarborough. During the 1990s Mike acquired his mechanics papers and accreditations, working primarily as a transmission specialist for his father's business. Then, in October of 2001, he and Jeanne decided to make Haliburton their full-



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Forever in our Hearts...
Roberta Welsh - Feb 12/06

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time home, along with their daughter Heather, now 8. Mike became the Mahood's right hand man at the Marina, and on May 1st, 2003 Mike and Jeanne became the proud owners of the business.

"We want to make sure we continue to be a full service Marina," says Mike. "And that's why we provide a complete snowmobile rental package, as well as summer boat rentals, dock slips and of course year-round storage and service." As well as being close to the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's (HSCA) trails, Kennisis Marina is just two minutes away from the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, with its popular network of private trails. Kennisis Marina also provides a gasoline card-lock service for sledders and boaters who need gas after hours. "It's a real convenience, for sure, for lots of customers, and a kind of security blanket for many to know that they can always get gas, no matter what the time of day or night." Full details on the card-lock service are available at the Marina.

This past year when the HSCA was facing a crisis of volunteers the Zaun's stepped up to fill out the Board of Directors, with Jeanne taking on the Secretary position and Mike's brother Peter assuming responsibility for the signage. And Doug Mahood himself agreed to be President, with his spouse Marjie Kennedy-Mahood becoming Treasurer. So Kennisis Marina, past and

present, has demonstrated that when it comes to community service for the snowmobiling industry, they're second to none.

Kennisis Marina is open seven days a week from 9 am until 5 pm and can be reached at 705 754-2352, or by email at kennisismarina@hotmail.com. It's located on Wilkinson Road, just off County Road 7. You can check out their website at www.kennisismarina.net.

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SIRCH Community Services and Consulting are calling on all young singers to participate in the first ever Haliburton County Idol. If you are between the ages of 11 and 19 and are a singer, we invite you to audition to be part of Haliburton County Idol on Friday, March 23rd at the Delta Pinestone Resort. SIRCH Community Services and Consulting, in conjunction with 100.9 Canoe FM want you to pickup an audition package at Kitchen's Etcetera, Haliburton Highland Secondary School, J. Douglas Hodgson School, Archie Stouffer School, Wilberforce Elementary School or www.HaliburtonIdol.com. Auditions will be held on March 3rd and 4th and the package provides all the detail you need to prepare. This gala evening will create the forum for the County's talent to showcase their flair and compete to win:

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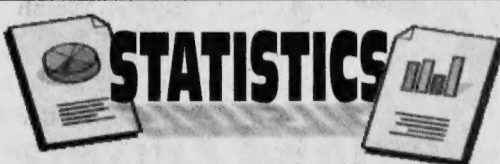


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New Business

Artists Choice Picture Framing by Bill & Laura Wilson

Bill Wilson has always known he had artistic talent (he's been drawing and painting since he was a boy), but it took a combination of some really good luck and a big dose of the bad kind to convince him to take his talents seriously.

Back in May of 1997 Bill entered a design contest for the official logo for Don Cherry's Mississauga Ice Dogs franchise, and sure enough he won hands down. He got to meet Mr. Cherry (and his pooch) in his home ("his basement's like a hockey museum - he couldn't have been nicer or kinder"), was introduced at centre ice to the crowd, and given season's tickets. "It was really a nice ride, and to win something like that was a real confidence booster. I was living in Peterborough at the time, working at my trade as a drywaller, and continuing to draw as a hobby. I never really thought I would get to do much more than that."

At about the same time Bill began to suffer from extreme back pain, and was soon in hospital for a herniated disc. Operations followed, and he was officially classified as disabled. But he fought back, and enrolled in the Fine Arts program at Georgian College in Barrie. With his wife Laura and their four daughters they settled in the area. After a successful three years at the College, Laura and Bill became interested in the rapidly growing field of picture framing. At the same time Bill started to work with Northern Lights Vocational Services here in Haliburton to develop a business plan for a picture framing business. Bill's continuing disability qualified him under the Ontario Disabilities Supplement Program, which helped him to assemble the necessary tools and equipment for his business.

"There's a lot of very expensive equipment you need for fully professional picture framing," says Laura, "and we were fortunate enough to find a lot of first-rate used tools and machines in the

Barrie area. We have almost \$20,000 worth of equipment, which we managed to get at a terrific price."

But this venture isn't just Bill's, by any means. In 2003 Laura received her Basic and Advanced Certificates from the Canadian Picture Framers School, so she actually had a head start on her husband in the business! "I knew I had to get the formal qualifications as well, but it took me a little longer to organize it," says Bill. "I now have my Basic Certificate, and will be getting my Advanced in June."

In addition to providing a full range of professional picture framing services, Bill and Laura are also producing beautiful shadow boxes to display special watches, for example,

or any small objets d'art.

Bill is a Haliburtonian born and bred, and he and Laura plan to run their business out of their home on Highway 118 east of Haliburton. They're also going to spend significant time utilizing their many contacts in the Barrie artistic community. But they plan to keep their equipment and business headquarters here in Haliburton.

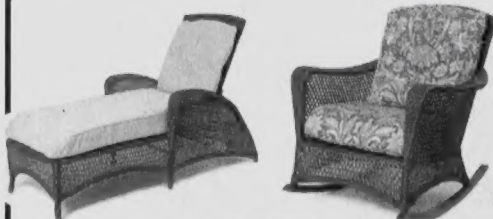
Bill and Laura Wilson are determined to make their business a success - a business that takes almost equal parts craft and art to be successful. They're both really interested in working with their clients, whether they be artists or collectors, to make sure their paintings

or photographs look the best they can possibly be!

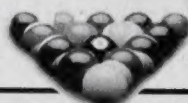
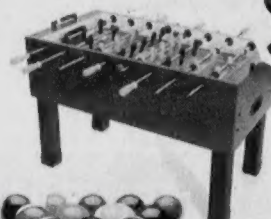
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DUMB CRIMINALS

Charmed Not Armed:

In the Christmas spirit of giving, south Florida police say a bank robber has used his good manners to rob banks of thousands of dollars, usually wishing the bank tellers a Merry Christmas before he steals the money.

It seems the thief uses his charms to make the heists, since he walks into the banks always unarmed. Once he approaches the teller, he offers up a warm greeting, "I hope you have a Merry Christmas," as he hands over a note demanding money.

Police said the note says, "I am a robber, give me all the money, don't give me any dye pack, you have 20 seconds."

The man then takes the loot, places it inside his own envelope and calmly strolls out of the bank. Police suspect he hit banks in Broward and Miami-Dade counties over the past month.

The latest strike occurred at a Wachovia Bank in Hollywood, Florida, where the well-mannered bandit walked off with more than \$5,000.

"In all of them he is extremely polite," Hollywood police Capt. Tony Rode said. "Notwithstanding his polite manners we consider him a dangerous felon."

Creating Quite a Buzz:

A suspected shoplifter caused quite a buzz when he used honeybees to extricate himself from a sticky situation at a local K-Mart store.

Security personnel followed a shoplifting suspect into a bathroom. But when they opened the restroom door, they were overcome with about 100 buzzing bees.

"He probably started yelling 'Bees! Bees,' then created this big diversion and got away," said Commander John DeGonia, of the Sedalia Police Department. "He must have walked into the store with them in a jar or a container."

Store employees used bug spray to contain the bees. But the thief got away with about \$60 worth of CDs, perfume, batteries and a pair of scissors.

Facts about Smoking!

Every 11 minutes, a Canadian dies from tobacco use. Every 10 minutes, two Canadian teenagers start smoking cigarettes; one of them will lose their life because of it. Yearly, more than a thousand Canadians who never even smoked die - from exposure to tobacco smoke. Thousands more are diagnosed with illnesses related to tobacco use. www.hc-sc.gc.ca

Cigarettes and other smoking-related materials (matches, etc.) are also a common cause of fires. From 1997 to 2001 there were 2,310 fires caused by smokers' materials in Alberta, resulting in 284 injuries, 40 deaths and an estimated \$46 million in property damage.

Did you know? More than 37,000 people will die this year in Canada due to smoking-related illnesses. (www.hc-sc.gc.ca)

Notice to all Pit and Quarry Operators and Landowners Public Information Session

Effective January 1, 2007, the County of Haliburton, County of Hastings, Townships of South Algonquin, Addington Highlands, North Frontenac, North Kawartha, and the northern part of the Township of Galway Cavendish and Harvey, were designated under the *Aggregate Resources Act* (ARA). This legislation requires that all established pit and quarry operations within these areas must apply to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for a licence by **June 30, 2007** in order to continue operations beyond this date.

The MNR Bancroft District is holding an information session at the **Haliburton Branch** of the **Royal Canadian Legion, 719 Mountain Street, Haliburton** on **Thursday, February 8**, at **3:00 p.m.**, and near Bancroft, at the **Faraday Township Community Centre, 13 Lower Faraday Road**, on **Monday, February 19**, at **1:00 p.m.**, to provide more information to operators and landowners.

For further information please contact:

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Minden Area office
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Ontario

Stately Elms and Spreading Maples

Gareth Kellett's Family Tree sheds light on Pioneer life in Haliburton County

By Lea Harper

What began for Gareth Kellett as the construction of an elaborate family tree — an ancestral legacy for the surviving Keller clan — developed into a charming historical memoir beginning with Gareth's great grandfather, one of the original settlers in this area 150 years ago. The self-published 'Stately Elms, Spreading Maples' is the result of six years of research. Once entrenched in the project, Gareth decided to take a writing course with Marjorie Green and join the Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network. He felt that the interaction with other writers would be useful to him. He also engaged the help of several relatives. The project was growing into a full-fledged book and proved a daunting task. His great grandfather had 12 children which meant 12 branches of family to pursue. Some had moved out West. And some had returned — like Gareth's great aunt and uncle who in left in a covered wagon in 1877 but "came back to the County during the 2nd Riel Rebellion."

Gareth, a retired school teacher, looks younger than his 71 years. Relaxing in the living room of his modern, roomy house in a quiet suburb off the Gull River in Minden, he speaks fondly of his heritage and growing up on his great-grandfather's farm in Lutterworth Township. Naturally, he worked hard and it was a four mile walk to town and 1 ½ miles to the little red school house south of Minden (although he eventually "acquired a bicycle"). Gareth smiles when he recalls first learning to drive — his father's 1934 Ford — an important moment, one would think, for a young man living on the fringes of civilization where distances are measured in time and on foot. "Winter conditions made automobile travel virtually impossible", but the family "came to town three nights a week, to shop and visit with people." And

there was always the theatre. In those days, the closest hospital was in Lindsay.

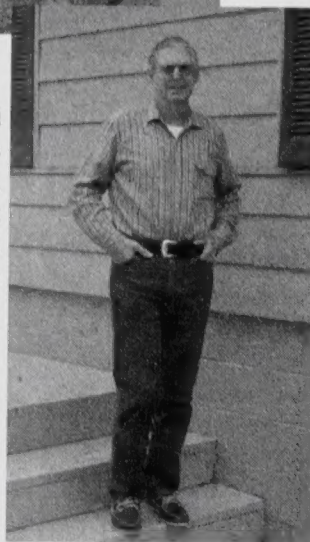
Much of the land on which Gareth grew up is no longer farmed. "Gone back to forest where I once cut hay," he muses. One of his daughters and a nephew reside on the site of the old homestead. The original Kellett log barn "erected about 1850" still stands in Lutterworth. Gareth's great grandfather, George Kellett settled here before the Canadian Land & Immigration Company was formed to grant rights to sell land in this area. In 1848 the roads had not even been surveyed. Born in England in 1814, George migrated first to the Peterborough area before heading north with his burgeoning family to claim close to 400 acres in Snowdon and Lutterworth Townships. Except for two milk cows everything they owned was bundled on one horse. For all intents and purposes, George was a squatter. "Theoretically, they could have chased him off the land," Gareth says, but when patents were being handed out in 1860, an agricultural census conducted at the time showed George Kellett was running quite a bustling farm with numerous crops, orchards, horses, cattle and sheep so they were more than happy to let him stay on. By 1863, most of the original timber in the Snowdon/Lutterworth area was being harvested by Moss & Boyd and shipped south to Bobcageon. The white pine in particular

was used for the masts on the big ships.

Unexpected gems can be found within these pages. The British Captain Henry Kellett commanded a ship that searched for the missing Franklin Expedition of 1845. Captain Henry had "constructed a storehouse" in the High Arctic "to provide emergency supplies for distressed ships," enough to sustain over 60 men for almost a year. A project is currently underway to restore what has been called "Canada's first supermarket". For the record, marriage certificates and obituaries are in numerous evidence but 'Stately Elms' boasts some marvelous old photographs and the letters exchanged between family members and friends provide personal insight into the life and times. In the 1800s, previously indentured individuals "found their way north via the Underground Railroad." Charles and Eliza Thomas who settled in Stanhope were among them. Their daughter, Laura married into a branch of the Kellett family. A mixed marriage was unusual in rural communities in 1903. Laura's younger sister, Amy writes of their "first trip ever to a store" (in Minden) which seemed "a magic fairyland." She added that "no coloured people had ever been in that part of the country before."



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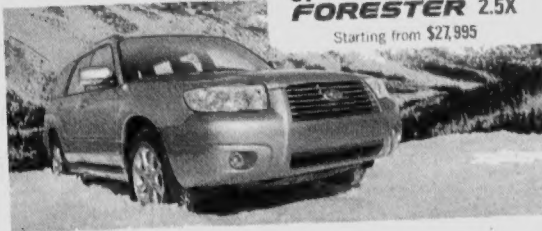
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Kellett's book has "historical significance" for those with archival interests as well as anyone wishing to add to their store of knowledge regarding life in Haliburton County in bygone days. Part of Gareth's intention was to "preserve the local history" in view of the fact so many new people continue to move into the area who may not know and therefore appreciate Haliburton County's past. "Nothing before has ever been written about the Kelletts," Gareth adds, "and we are one of the first families who settled here." You'll find few scandals in Kellett's account. Staunch Victorians kept their blouses and lips buttoned tight (although there was a rather suspicious drowning in the Ottonobee River) or maybe the early settlers were just too busy carving out an existence in the wildlands to get into much mischief. Still, there are endearing moments and titillating anecdotes. Ninety-eight year old Nancy Agnes was the oldest resident of Haliburton in 1950 and "an avid hunter" who bagged her last deer at the age of eighty... The cash value of seventy-five acres (four under cultivation) in 1861 was \$250... Charlie Kellett owned the first car in the town of Haliburton. (There's a picture displayed at McKeck's...) Stan Kellett was awarded five dollars when he won the Fiddlers' Contest in 1947 at "the famous Minden Pavilion." But I won't spoil it for you. 'Stately Elms and Spreading Maples' is available for \$20 at The Storehouse in Minden and Undercover Books in Haliburton: Almost 200 pages of good old-fashioned browsing.



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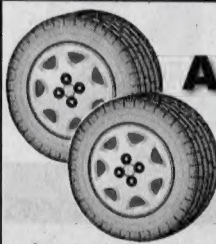
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Worldly News

CAR AND DRIVER: Traci Ann Bitz, 38, was taking her husband Rick Shaver, 51, out for dinner to celebrate Father's Day. They never made it, since on the way they argued about where to eat. He wanted pasta, but she said she had that the night before. Fed up, Shaver got out of the car and was walking away, police say, when Bitz floored it, leaving a long patch of rubber on the street, and ran Shaver down. Then she spun out in a parking lot, where she stayed to make some phone calls. As police led her away in handcuffs, she asked how long she'd be detained — she had a massage appointment in less than an hour. Shaver survived with only cuts and bruises. Bitz was booked on assault charges and jailed. ...In a perfect universe, dinner at that jail that night would have been pasta.

LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US: Fidel Cueva, 41, was a passenger on a Greyhound bus traveling from San Francisco to Los Angeles, Calif. As the bus passed Ventura he asked the driver to stop and let him out. No, the driver said, there were no stops in Ventura. Upset, Cueva walked to the back of the bus, which was running at about 55 mph, opened the emergency exit, and jumped onto the freeway. Witnesses say he rolled to a stop in the fast lane. "Several vehicles were able to avoid hitting him," said a California Highway Patrol spokesman. He received only slight injuries. ...But no refund for the last 75 miles on his ticket.

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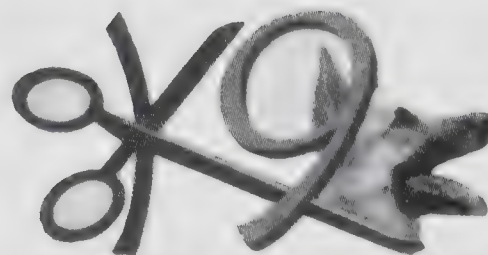
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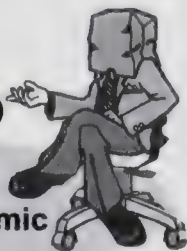
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On the second day, God created the monkey and said: "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span." The monkey said: "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?" And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said: "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said: "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?" And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said: "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But man said: "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

A call for submissions: The R.D. Lawrence Festival

Attention all writers. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Haliburton Highlands Writers' & Editors' Network is calling for submissions for a literary anthology entitled *Liaisons*. This special collector's edition, commemorating the inaugural year of R.D. Lawrence Place, will contain fiction, non-fiction, poetry and monologues. Works will be selected by a panel of judges and will be published along with several excerpts from Lawrence's books.

R.D. Lawrence was a dedicated mentor, and *Liaisons* will provide an opportunity for publishing credits and exposure for emerging and established writers.

The new building at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre will be an interactive learning facility, a writers' centre and a gathering place dedicated to fostering a love of reading, promoting the art of writing and deepening the respect for Canada's natural heritage. It will celebrate the life and philosophies of R.D. Lawrence - journalist, author and naturalist - who published over 30 books in 26 countries and in 15 different languages.

Payment: Copies of the anthology will be awarded to all whose works are included. Single use rights only are requested for the purpose of this volume. Profits from the sale of the book will go to the R.D. Lawrence Place Building Fund. Submissions must be sent by e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word to gallery@minden.on.ca and copied to pauline.l.johnson@sympatico.ca. New and previously published works (for which the author has copyright) will be accepted.

Works should be related to the theme "*Achieving a natural harmony*." Works such as: an exciting outdoor adventure, quest or journey; a tale of compassion involving an animal(s); a natural discovery or source of inspiration; a bonding experience in a natural setting; a spiritual revelation in a natural setting; something important to Canada's natural heritage ...and so on

The deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 5 p.m. More detailed guidelines for submissions* are available on the website of The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network at www.hhwen.org.

More information about R.D. Lawrence is available at www.crywild.com.

Part II of The R.D. Lawrence Festival, Creative Communications, will be launched in April 2007 with a deadline in the fall.

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New Business

Meet Elizabeth Tuck, Advisor for RBC Dominion Securities

By Stephen Patrick

Elizabeth Tuck, Investment Advisor for RBC Dominion Securities, Haliburton, has a sense of energy, passion and commitment that seems to light up every corner of her small office headquarters overlooking Head Lake. In fact it's difficult to imagine that Elizabeth moved to Haliburton just a few years ago with her spouse Peter in order to retire gracefully at her family's cottage on Soyers Lake. Predictably enough, within weeks of her so-called retirement, she was volunteering at Community Care, Canoe FM, joining the Rotary Club, and organizing fundraisers.

Also, predictably, her former employers, RBC Dominion, thought that she'd be just the person to open a local branch of the financial services firm – and sure enough, in April of last year, Elizabeth did just that. "Both myself and the people at RBC could easily see that this was a market that was tailor made for many of our products and services. And you know, I really didn't feel that I was retired – I had such fun working with

Community Care and Canoe FM and getting to know Haliburton's permanent community again that it seemed a logical step."

Elizabeth's family has been cottagers on Soyers Lake since the 1930s, with five generations in all enjoying the beauty and serenity



of the Highlands. In fact, her father, Ross Carver, was a well-known and respected figure in the community, a tenacious volunteer and at one time the Director of the Haliburton Museum. And her brother-in-law, Steve Davies, is the manager of the local Bargain Shop and has built a home on the family property. "We thought at one point we could live in the cottage, but then we decided to leave it as a cottage and buy a permanent home," says Elizabeth, "and we ended up buying Doctor Good's old house on County Road 21. And you know, I think we could live there for 50 years, and the house would still be known as Doctor

Good's!"

Besides raising three children, Elizabeth forged an impressive financial career in Toronto. After stints in the mutual fund field she became Vice President and Director of RBC Dominion Securities where she established its mutual fund advisory group. In fact, RBC then became the first investment firm in Canada to offer what's called "objective mutual fund research". Elizabeth established a highly influential "recommended list" of funds which became an industry standard.

"Working in Haliburton as an investment advisor gives me the chance to help investors and their families one-on-one," says Elizabeth, "which is a lot different from running a large company department, but it's certainly just as satisfying. I feel we can really make a difference in people's lives as we help them prepare for retirement, or simply provide personal wealth management services. I work with all kinds of small business owners to make sure the planning is in place for everything from capital protection and enhancement to simplifying the transition of assets to the next generation. It's really exciting, and personally rewarding, for sure."

This month is, of course, RSP month, perhaps the busiest time of the year for many Financial Advisors, and Elizabeth, along with her assistant Barbara Smyk, is looking forward to maximizing the tax benefits for her clients. "Since we've lived here full time, I've been able to see just how exciting and caring a community Haliburton is, and it's great for me to be able to help our clients get the very most out of the incredible lifestyle the Highlands offers." And what about that retirement? "I think that's on the back burner, for a few more years yet!"

You can reach Elizabeth Tuck or Barbara Smyk at 705 457-4805, or 1 800 251-0498 or by email at elizabeth.tuck@rbc.com. The website is www.elizabethtuck.com

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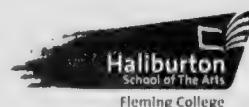
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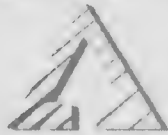
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(Stay with me.)

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous.

The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable fire" and was obligated to pay the claim!

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Lange On The Law



by **Donald J. Lange**
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Septic Systems

Vendors and purchasers of rural property in the County of Haliburton should be careful when they deal with representations (warranties) in their agreements of purchase and sale about the working condition of septic systems, or they may end up in court. A common representation, inserted by the vendor, is the following: "The vendor warrants, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that the septic system is in good working order as of the date of closing." A few weeks after the closing, the purchaser detects foul odours from the house drains and discovers that the septic system is now not in good working order.

The purchaser is faced with the weasel words "to the best of his knowledge and belief." All the vendor has to do is prove that he had an honest and reasonably based belief in the truth of his representation. Here is his evidence: "The septic system has been working fine for the last 10 years that I have owned the property." "I get the septic tank pumped out every two years. Here are the bills." "I have never smelt a sewage odour or saw a sign of malfunctioning of the septic system." Courts tend to accept such evidence, if uncontradicted, because the representation is starkly qualified by the weasel words. The purchaser's case against the vendor will be dismissed.

But, if you are the purchaser, there is another way of phrasing the representation. Simply delete the weasel words. Then, the representation will be: "The vendor warrants that the septic system is in good working order as of the date of closing." Two weeks after the closing, the septic system starts to back up into the toilet and bathtub on almost a daily basis. The purchaser calls a septic tank repairman who discovers that the solid content of the septic tank is quite heavy and causing a blockage on the inlet side of the tank. As well, the tank is running well above its normal level of 6 to 8 inches below the lid of the tank. What should the vendor have done? In this case, the court held that the vendor should at least have opened the tank lid and checked the level and content of the tank. A vendor who signs an unqualified representation without any verification testing prior to signing it, is reckless in his conduct and may be liable to the purchaser.

In the next column, I will be talking about why parents have to pay for property damage caused by their children.

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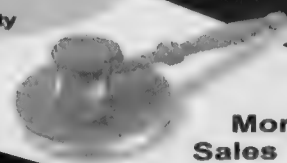
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The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce 2006 Business and Community Achievement Awards Awards to be presented on March 31, 2007 at a Gala Dinner held at Delta Pinestone in Haliburton.

Each year in the past, one business and one person has been honoured by the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce as Business of the Year and Highlander of the Year. Well, this year, the Chamber is taking the awards to a new level with the addition of new categories – giving recognition to more based on the criteria outlined below. Anyone can nominate someone or a business. The only criteria requiring Chamber Members, is that only Chamber Members can be nominated for Small Business of the Year, and Large Business of the year. The rest are for the community, from the community.

Business Achievement Awards

Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees) ** - The award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 1 to 25 employees. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Small Business of the Year Award. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2006.

**** Must be a member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce**

Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees) ** - This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 26 employees or more. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Large Business of the Year Award. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2006.

**** Must be a member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce**

New Business of the Year (Under 3 Years) - This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or less. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the New Business of the Year Award. Note that these are for reference only and should apply during 2006.

Not-For-Profit Business of the Year - This award recognizes the contribution that Not-For-Profit Organizations make to the County of Haliburton. The Award will be presented to an organization that has been in business more than 3 years and follow the same standard list of criteria as the other awards.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 Years and Under) - The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award includes proficiency as a Risk Taker, demonstrates Enthusiasm, Motivation, displays Creativity, Originality, Dedication, Innovation and Vision as applied to activities of the Young Entrepreneur during 2006.

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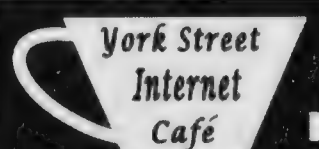
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Community Achievement Awards

Highlander of the Year - The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment are eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

Youth of the Year - This award will be awarded to a high school student currently or recently attending the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Community minded students with successful academic standing represent the quality of Haliburton's future and are deserving of our recognition. The selection committee will award a student based on their academic and extra curricular activities and who has also shown a willingness to participate throughout the community to enrich the lives of others.

Award of the Year - This award will be selected by the Warden of the County of Haliburton. It will be awarded to an individual, group, team, business or organization who has shown significant achievements or have made significant contributions to the County of Haliburton in 2006.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW??

Name: Barbara Eden

Born: August 23, 1934, Tucson, Arizona

Birth Name: Barbara Jean Moorhead

Claim to Fame: Who doesn't know Barbara as Jeanie from 'I Dream of Jeanie'? This was the role that got her known to all of us.

Family Life: Jon Eicholtz - January 1991 - present.

Charles Donald Fegert - September 1977 - 1983 (divorced).

Michael Ansara - January 1958 - May 1974 (divorced).

Info: In the mid-1950s, Twentieth Century Fox signed Eden to a studio contract, and she appeared in a string of movies opposite such heartthrobs as Elvis Presley and Paul Newman.

In 1957, Eden was cast in the TV adaptation of "How to Marry a Millionaire"; she played the part Marilyn Monroe had in the movie version. The actress' biggest break came in 1964, when her agent sent her the script for "I Dream of Jeannie" and she was offered the lead role of the wacky, wonderful genie. That same year, she and her then-husband, actor Michael Ansara, were expecting a child, and in August 1965, Matthew was born.

In 1970 her show was cancelled, and she endured yet another



Barbara now with
Larry Hagman

disappointment when she learned that her second baby had died in her womb at seven-and-a-half months.

Barbara's marriage dissolved under the strain of that trauma. Soon afterward she married her second husband, a newspaper executive from Chicago, but they eventually divorced.

Things began looking up for Barbara again in the '80s, when she worked steadily on a variety of television projects and met her current husband, real estate developer Jon Eicholtz.

Barbara's relentless work ethic is what has sustained her during her rough times, including the roughest of them all: the death of her son in 2001 from a heroin overdose.

Where Is She Now: Touring the country in a female edition of the Neil Simon play 'The Odd Couple'. She also turned up in a spoof production of "Desperate Housewives." In the sketch

Barbara plays the role of Nicollette Sheridan's Edie. And in the past few years she has been on several episodes of 'Sabrina The Teenage Witch.'

Trivia: She was not allowed to show her belly button on "I Dream of Jeannie" (1965) because of NBC's "No Navel Edict". Crowned: "Miss San Francisco" in 1951

Although she was born Barbara Jean Moorhead, she took her stepfather's last name of Huffman when her mother Alice remarried.

Also played Jeannie's sister in "I Dream of Jeannie" (1965). Shortly after shooting began on the pilot episode for "I Dream of Jeannie" (1965), it was learned that she was pregnant. Director Gene Nelson invented a shot he playfully called the "ATB". ("Above the Baby") "Sometimes", he stated, "We'd have to follow Jeannie's arm across the room".

Barbara's last name was changed from "Huffman" to "Eden" by her first agent.

In 1997, Columbia announced plans to produce a big-screen version of "I Dream of Jeannie," but the movie has yet to be made. There has been talk that Paris Hilton will take the role. Just this year, Paris played Barbara in an episode of 'American Dreams.'

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Critter's and Trestle's Dinner

By Symon Boots

As a teenager growing up in Haliburton County, I was always aware of this area's rich railway history. From the locomotive in front of the high school, which was purchased and restored by the Haliburton Rotary Club, to 'The Rails End' Gallery and Art Centre by the park, it's hard not to at least notice a piece of this past when you drive through our town, let alone live in it. Even in our local restaurants, photographs of the simpler days are put on display to remind us of how Haliburton came to be, and the transformation of this town from a logging settlement to the heart of cottage life in Ontario. It was a long road, this transformation. It was a dangerous one, and many men and women worked hard to ensure Haliburton would last centuries after them. They would be amazed to see how well Haliburton has kept its railway roots and shaped with the modern world. I was surprised to learn that the tracks haven't been gone long. The last train pulled out of Gooderham in 1960 on the IB&O line, and the tracks were pulled up to make – of all things – razor blades! The Victoria Railway passenger service stopped in 1961 but freight continued into the late 1970's.

Another aspect of Haliburton life that makes it such a fantastic place to call home is sharing it with its wildlife. There are so many fascinating and beautiful creatures that also call this place home. Sometimes, there is a certain degree of co-operation required to share our community with our native critters, but it's all worth it when one realizes how lucky they are to live here. I often have to remind myself how fortunate I am to live in this county.

For me it was hard to imagine how these two areas of life in Haliburton can be related. That is until I discovered the rail trails. The old rail beds where the tracks used to be, are protected by local government. They are used by the public as trails for walking, biking, horseback riding, and even for snowmobiling and ATVing. Amazingly, these trails are used greatly by our resident wildlife as part of their habitat. Turtles use the soft gravel bed to lay their eggs, bats use the relatively narrow corridor for hunting, and deer use it to travel without having to use the highways and back

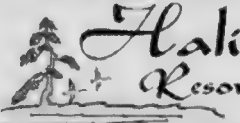
roads. These are only three examples but there are countless more ways that animals use these trails as part of their habitat.

Now myself and a collective of other community friends of the rail trails, want to celebrate the amazing history and wildlife of Haliburton's railway corridors. We want to bring people from around this county together to share stories of their experiences growing up with the functioning railway as part of their lives. We decided to throw a "Critters & Trestles" Community Supper at Camp Wanakita for Sunday, February 18. We've invited the Muskoka Wildlife Centre to give a presentation with real animals to encourage children to interact and learn about our furry, sometimes feathered and scaly friends. The Muskoka Wildlife Centre, just 20 minutes north of Orillia, is not a zoo but an interactive learning park. Their interactive programming involves bringing real animals on the road, traveling all over Ontario, and is the largest live-animal educational outreach program in Canada. All the creatures in their facility are not captured from the wild but are ex-pets, abandoned or were injured and were brought to them because they wouldn't be able to survive again in the wild. They have 40 different species ranging



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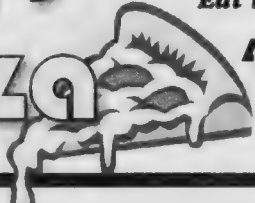


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from badgers, bald eagles and beavers to wolves and wolverines, with everything in between. This animal refuge has even provided Hollywood with animal actors. When they join us at Critters & Trestles, they want to surprise us with which species they decide to bring. We are very curious and excited.

Our buffet dinner at the Camp is being prepared for us by Chef Ron Tentorey, one of the annual contributors to the Fleming College Feast of Foods.

After a warm up chat from local author and historian, Leopoldina Dobrzensky, we invite guests to share their experiences of growing up during Haliburton's railway days. These stories will be recorded and stored in video



archives by Highlands Media Arts. Looking ahead, the public will be invited to view the results on April 28 at the Rails End Gallery & Art Centre. This will be combined with a Community Family Walk, and the last chance to view the HHSS Student art exhibit at the Gallery, as part of "Family Saturday - from Rail Trail to Rails End".

To round out the interactive nature of the Critters & Trestles evening, the Haliburton Museum has generously allowed us the use of some of their railway artifacts to put on display. A Malarky-style game will encourage children to guess what purpose they served, with prizes. But who says the kids get to have

all the fun? There will be door prizes for the adults too. We'd like to thank everyone who has loaned us fabulous historic railway photos to be viewed throughout the evening.

Please join us on Sunday, February 18th at Camp Wanakita for this celebration. Anyone and everyone welcome! The camp is wheelchair accessible. Please note: The wildlife presentation is due to begin at 5pm sharp, so please allow time to travel the 5km a l o n g

Koshlong Lake Rd, to arrive on time, safely. Don't keep the critters waiting!

Tickets are \$20.00 per person, with family discounts available. Pick them up at Baubles 'n' Bon Bons, in

the lower level of the Village Barn in Haliburton, or The Store Room in Minden. If you would like to reserve tickets please call Pamela Marsales at (705) 457-4767. If you'd like to find more info on the Muskoka Wildlife Centre check them out at www.muskokawildlife.com. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your stories.



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Saint Valentine Presents: A Night of Tortured Love

Poetry is Alive and Well and has taken up residence at the Dominion Hotel

Eleven transcendent 'poets' transformed a pub in Minden into the Bohemian Embassy when they performed for the Beatnik Bongo Poetry Reading at the Dominion Hotel on December 9th to a capacity crowd of over 60 people. The actors arrived in costume (basic black) and in character. You didn't necessarily need to know the 'Beats' first hand. By the time master of ceremonies, Jim Blake (Lawrence Ferlinghetti) set the stage for the literary illuminati, the audience's interest was peaked. Ferlinghetti's sometimes scandalous introductions prompted catcalls from the dark recesses of the Dominion – that silver-tongued devil, Allen Ginsberg (Ryan Dawson) and Zen tramp Jack Keroac (Mike Johnson), I suspect – which ol' Ferl parried with good natured nastiness. The Beat Blessing was given by Michael Fay aka Father Thomas Merton, their spiritual advisor. Jack Brezina's commanding presence was further enhanced by the fact he had morphed into Brother Antoninus (replete with hooded Friar's Habit) reciting somewhat erotic nature poetry. For Canadian content, a very cool Fay Martin found her compliment as the sphinx-like Gwendolyn MacEwen. Shelley King treated us to a powerful "Rant" by Diane DiPrima. Following Tim Nicholson's electric performance of Dylan Thomas's "A Child's Christmas in Wales" at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, he joined the troupe at the Dominion, dazzling everyone once again with that glorious voice and sonorous Welsh accent. Despite their stormy relationship, a certain Lea Harper (who claims to be a poet in real life) took the stage as Dylan's wife, Caitlin, reading DT's famous "Fern Hill." Everything was tastefully punctuated by percussionist Barry Howard.

I tell you this because there is more to come. Poetry is alive and well in Haliburton County and has taken up residence at the Dominion Hotel. Kudos to proprietor Shawn Chamberlin for making available the perfect venue. Shawn sent word to Michael Fay, "waxing enthusiastic about the feedback he'd gotten from 'Beat' and wanting to know what's next." Thus the Conjurors of County Town in league with the Dead Poets Society are about to offer you another unforgettable evening of Poetry, Power and Presence when Saint Valentine Presents: A Night of Tortured Love, Friday February 16th, 9pm at The Dominion in Minden.

Michael Fay is the brain-child behind the creative projects that have surfaced under the auspices of the Conjurors of County Town. For the record, the Conjurors are neither séance consultants or Ouija board enthusiasts. "The Conjurors are a group of volunteers at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre who specialize in historical recreations and theatre on the landscape," Michael says. The hard working staff includes Dianne Graham, Carol Simmons, Sue Reid, Jessie Gael, Pat and Jack Brezina, Fay Martin and of course, Michael Fay. "It's really a front for my madness," Michael says. "I discovered that writing plays was my medium and, at the time, discovered that a lot of people in Minden like to 'play'. We've done Victoria's Jubilee, Charles Dickens, Jr. Christmas, A Little Study in Scheming,

Dylan Thomas in Wales and The Beatnik Bongo Poetry Reading. It's been great fun, with great momentum. We're working on our most ambitious project – The Great White Pine – at the moment, with music and dance and a chorus of Spirits of the Great White Pine." The production is scheduled for late August.

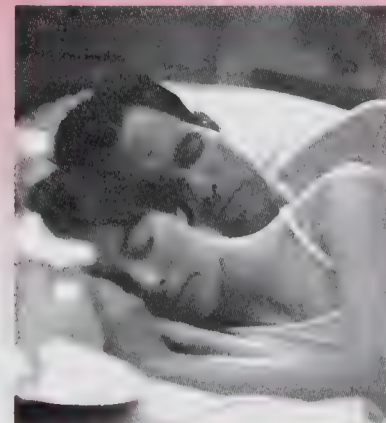
"The sessions of The Dead Poet Society allow us to find someone in history to 'be', to get dressed up, and take to the stage," Michael continues. "It combines the high art of poetry with the ribald fun of our famous and fabulous pub, the Dominion. I can't help but think that the literary spirits of our past are still within those walls, laughing at us."

There are bound to be more than a few surprises, but here are some of the late, great poets you can expect to materialize on stage at the Dominion Hotel in Minden, February 16th: William Shakespeare, Chaucer, John Donne, Edgar Allen Poe, Robert Service, Dorothy Parker, Baudelaire, Sylvia Plath, Dorothy Livesay, Al Purdy, e.e.cummings, Marianne Moore and Pat Lowther. Invocations of the Muse are in the capable hands of our very own gifted Tim Nicholson, Shelley King, Jim Blake, Michael Fay, Jack

Brezina, Fay Martin, Ryan Dawson, Aaron King, Tiina Heathcock, Pauline Johnson, Allana Ziorjen, Shawn Chamberlin and a certain Lea Harper. Michael promises "no cinnamon hearts or Hallmark card poetry." Expect the raw, the real and the vibrant. Dress accordingly.



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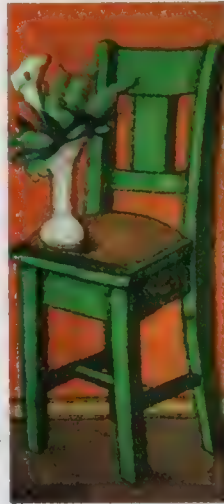
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A Banner Year Planned For Minden Hills

There's a new-found feeling of pride and confidence that looks like it will take Minden forward in ways which are long overdue. Just 3 or 4 years ago Minden was a different Minden than today. Since then things have really started to turn around. Let's just recap some of the things that have transpired. There are 3 new restaurants. I guess it all started with The Wild Orchid, then came the remodeling of the Dominion Hotel, and the adjacent Grill on the Gull, and of course the Gravity Coffee house and Bistro. During the formative months of these wonderful culinary additions, the well-organized River Walk Committee was going ahead with its own plans, and now there is a delightful walk along the river, which is only the first stage, in what will also include a new bridge over the Gull. There has been the great addition to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, which can now properly exhibit the Andre Lapine collection. Just last month the Municipality of Minden Hills made news with its generous donation to the construction at the Cultural Centre, of an R. D. Lawrence Building, which within a year, will house Lawrence's collection, kindly bestowed by the wife of the late writer and naturalist. In addition, 3 Minden merchants have applied for loans through the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), for store-front renovations. All these projects represent changes that are having a positive impact on the local citizens, and they can't help but attract additional tourists to the area.

Perhaps this new found civic pride got a boost last year when a series of 'Get Proud' Clean Up Days were organized. The result was a cleaner, brighter Minden, with the horticultural society, business owners, schoolchildren and volunteers all joining in to clean-up and beautify the downtown core. Encouraged by that success a Minden Merchants Revitalization Committee was formed. That committee is the precursor to what is hoped will be the new Minden BIA. The BIA is a long term undertaking, but



two members of the revitalization committee were looking for another project that could be implemented more quickly. Deborah Lyons, and Cammy George, helped to form a new committee, that this summer will be bringing to Minden (cue the trumpets)..... **The Festival of Banners.**

The banner committee, also consisting of Jack Brezina, Laurie Carmount and Dianne Graham, has received the financial support of the Local Initiatives Program, through the HCDC, and has the backing of the Municipality of Minden Hills. The

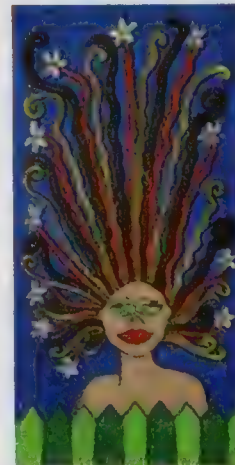
committee is inviting students and artists in the community to create designs for non-conventional artistic banners that will be hung from light standards and hydro poles throughout the downtown area of the village. This project is modeled on a very successful undertaking in Nanaimo, British Columbia

"This project speaks to the artistic nature of our community," says Jack Brezina. "It will help separate us from other communities that have banners that all look fairly similar, and it will also help to enhance the community's self-esteem. An invitation to participate will go out to the community via the media," Jack continues, "to targeted groups like public and high school students, the arts community and

seniors."

"There is a theme, and every year the theme will be different," says Cammy George. "For our first year the theme will be 'Memories of Yesteryear,' and the committee will allow a great deal of flexibility in interpreting this theme. We believe that the festival will add a colorful attraction to the community, bringing

visitors not only to the greater Minden area, but to the downtown core," she says. For now the plan is to hang banners from Newcastle Street along Bobcaygeon Road to the Cultural Centre, but in the future the committee would like to see banners at business locations along the highway as well. Nanaimo is into their 20th year, and they are up to 200 banners annually, it's a huge attraction," says Cammy.



How The Banner Selection And Preparation Takes Place

Those interested in participating in this program are asked to submit designs created on pieces of card stock, which will be provided. The designs on these cards will be used in selecting the banners to be completed. These cards will also be used to project the images onto the banner material prior to

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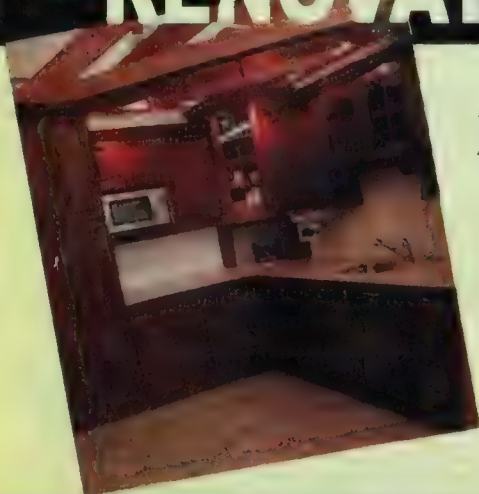
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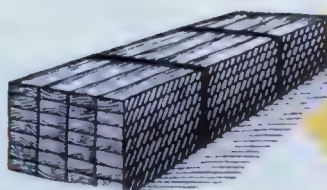
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painting the banner. A pencil outline of the design will be made on the banner material to assist the painters in duplicating the original designs. The size of student banners are 18 X 48 inches. All others will be 34x 80 inches.

All designs must be original work. A committee will review the submissions and select the banners to be painted. Those selected will be notified and advised of the time and location of the banner painting, and the public will be invited to watch the painting, as the banners take shape.

The banner material, paint, brushes, the location for painting, as well as projection equipment will be provided by the committee. Those individuals who have created the selected designs will be expected to come to the location to complete the banner. (If a class submission is selected, two or three students should be chosen to complete the painting.) After the painting has been completed, the banner will be hung to dry and, later in the spring, all the banners will be mounted on the lamp posts. A printed guide will be created which will identify each banner by its title and designer/painter.

The student banners will be the property of the individual or class, and will be returned. However, the banner designs and images of their creations, and display of same, will be the property of the Minden Banner Committee and may be used for publicity purposes, or in fund-raising ventures to further the work of the Minden Banner Committee. The banners completed



by adults will become the property of the Minden Banner Committee and may be sold, retained, duplicated or otherwise used to further the efforts of the Minden Banner Committee.

How To Enter

To enter the Minden Hills Festival of Banners contest, simply submit your design on the card stock, provided. (Schools will be contacted by the committee regarding student submissions). Each design should be attached to the entry form, which can be obtained at The Storeroom in Minden. The artists name, and the title of the work should be written on the back of the design card. Please place entries in an envelope, with "Minden Hills Festival of Banners" written on the outside. Submissions can be dropped off at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre or at The Storeroom.

The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2007. The creators of those submissions selected for completion will be notified following the judging, and a time for painting the banners will be arranged. There is no charge for student submissions made through the school. Students are welcome to submit designs outside of the school entries; however, a \$5 entry fee per person is required for all independent submissions.

"We all need to pull together as a community to make successful events like this happen," says banner committee member Deborah Lyons. Responses from business owners to the Minden Revitalization Survey conducted in the early fall, pointed to the need for new ideas to encourage people to visit and shop in Minden Hills. The majority of business owners said that they would support new, feasible initiatives. "We think this Festival of Banners is one of those new ideas," Deborah says. "The Minden Hills Festival of Banners project will result in vibrant, colourfully painted works of outdoor-art hanging from hydro poles and street lamps from early May to after Thanksgiving."

For more information on the Minden Hills Festival of Banners, please contact Deborah Lyons at 286-1424 or Laurie Carmount at 286-3763. To get an idea of what some of the banners at the Nanaimo festival look like, check out the www.nanaimogallery.ca site, then click on Festival of Banners.

Pictured on previous page is a Selection of coloured banners from Nanaimo



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The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Supporting Red Fridays

The Red Fridays Campaign, which began in the U.S.A. in 2005, has been taking Canada by storm since last February. Lisa Miller and Karen Boire, two wives of Canadian soldiers from C.F.B. Pettawawa, Ont started a campaign to show support for our Canadian Troops, it is fast becoming a popular Friday event with everyone out and about sporting as much Red as they can.

WHY? Because it's easy to do, doesn't cost a penny, unless you don't own something Red, and is so powerful in itself. The color Red was chosen to represent the blood that has been shed for our Freedom. Friday's seemed an appropriate day to acknowledge our support since many companies have relaxed dress code rules on Fridays.

During these troubled times worldwide, many Canadians feel helpless, they want to support our troops but are not sure how. Well wearing Red on Fridays is a very visible, tangible way to acknowledge the sacrifices of not only our Troops but their families.

RED FRIDAYS: Very soon you will see a great many people wearing Red every Friday. The reason? Canadians who support our Troops used to be called the silent majority. We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, Country and Home in record breaking numbers.

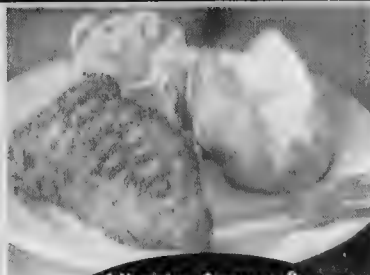
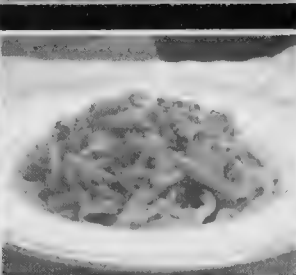
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Please Join Us In This Wonderful Campaign And Let's See Canada Turn Red From Coast To Coast Every Friday.

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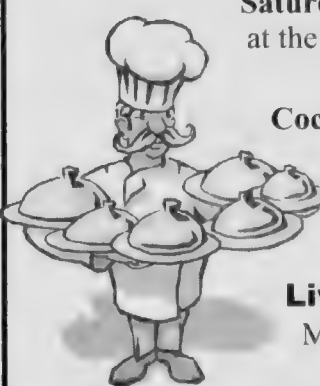
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The Undesirables To Perform Live in Haliburton

Who are they? They were one of the acts that got a lot of buzz on the summer folk festival circuit in 2006 and members of the Haliburton Folk Society felt they were the perfect pair to bring to the discerning folk audience in Haliburton.

Never heard of them? Come on! Take a chance!! You won't be disappointed.

The live performance is taking place Sat Feb 10, 8:00pm at the York St Internet Café in Haliburton. There are only 60 tickets available – so get yours soon! Tickets are \$14 (\$12 for Members and students) and they are available at the York St Internet Café – contact - 705-457-8902 or Goldens Stationers, Minden 705-286-2110

Here's what some reviewers have said about them...

"Sean Cotton and Corin Raymond are the Undesirables. Together, they have the most riveting stage presence I've seen in a long time. Their live show is a perfect blend of Cotton's skilled guitar work, Raymond's unusually musical movement and the tight vocal harmonies they share."

"With songs that ranged in style from blues/funk to folk to pop and beyond, the Undesirables presented something original and oh-so-sweet."

"A passion for soul, gospel, rhythm and blues, ragtime, the music of New Orleans are evident in The Undesirables' material. Lead singer Corin Raymond's easy delivery jumps between the irreverent and serious but always injects an uplifting and positive spirit into the music."

Music Notes BY GREG J. ROE

Get Your Kicks on

We, in Ontario, have become accustomed to highways having their names or numbers changed. Right here in Haliburton County a number of examples come to mind!

Some highways, however, are sacrosanct and Route 66, is one of these. There would definitely be an uproar, if someone had proposed changing the name of this historic highway.

It was Cyrus Avery who came up with the idea of a national Highway that, as the song says, would "wind for Chicago to L.A., more than 2000 miles all the way". The idea was to connect the many towns and cities that had sprung up along the route westward and thus encourage economic growth. By 1926, when the highway was made official, only 800 miles had been paved. The remainder was dirt, gravel, brick or just wooden blanks. By 1937, however, 'America's Main Street' was fully paved and on its way to becoming an institution.

The song, "Get your Kicks on Route 66," was written by Bobby Troup, a Pennsylvania native who moved to L. A. and on his way wrote a song about the towns that he passed through. He met Nat King Cole shortly after arriving in Los Angeles. Cole recorded the song in 1946 and it was a huge success. It became the ultimate 'road song' and even influenced Jack Kerouac in his writing of *On the Road*, the bible of the Beat Generation. The song also inspired the sixties television series, *Route 66*, starring George Maharis and Martin Milner.

Route 66 has been recorded by over sixty different artists, representing all musical styles, from the Rolling Stones to Depeche Mode, The Manhattan transfer and Buckwheat Zydeco.

The highway itself was officially closed on October 13, 1984 with the opening of I-40. Even today, however, Route 66 preservation societies exist in many of the small towns along its route. So, "If you ever plan to motor west.....", grab a copy of *On the Road*, a version of the tune (I recommend the Stones), and head out on the highway.

Enjoy A Night Out

Are you a senior over the age of 55 or an adult with a disability or an illness over the age of 18...why not enjoy a social outing with the Community Care Diners Club.

Here is a list of the upcoming outings:

February 9 - Diners Club at Martinwood Resort in Harcourt
February 20 - Diners Club at the Dominion Hotel in Minden
February 21 - Diners Club at Win Yeung's in Haliburton
February 23 - Diners Club at South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt

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Haliburton's Luge Club Needs Volunteers

Haliburton County boasts one of only six Naturbahn Luge tracks in all of Canada, and only the second ice track! The Redstone River Luge Club is just in its third year, and already has achieved some remarkable milestones. Last year the Club hosted the Ontario Championships and one of their members won after only a year's experience.

Luge first originated in the Swiss Alps in the 19th century and was practised on logging roads leading from the hills to the villages.

International competitions began in 1883, and the artificial track version, Kuntsbahn, became an Olympic Sport in 1964. The natural track version, Naturbahn, has survived as an extremely popular local sport throughout Europe. In Naturbahn, the turns are flat, not banked, and courses wind along the natural contours of hills. More body movements by the participant are required, and speeds of up to 60 kph are possible!

The Redstone River Club's Naturbahn track uses a beautifully tract of hilly forest kindly provided by Peter Schlieffenbaum at the Haliburton Forest. The track, designed by the club's own Bahnmeister, Kurt Herzog, is divided into two sections totalling 700 metres in length. The combination of speed, excitement and skill make it a great family sport.

The Club is actively seeking volunteers, young and old, and are offering some serious perks! All volunteers and team members receive training and certification in track marshalling and officiating through the Canadian Luge Association, for example. Once certified, you may even be asked to officiate at World Cup races and other international and possibly Olympic events. And, as a non-profit group, every hour you log as a youth volunteer counts directly towards your community service requirement. And volunteer time can also be traded for a Club membership.

If you're interested in the camaraderie and fun of this exciting sport, please call the President, Robert Van Nood at 705 754-1873, or the Bahnmeister/Head Coach Kurt Herzog at 705 754-4097 for further information.

New Haliburton Curling Club Officially Opened

Boy, they sure know how to do it right at the Haliburton Curling Club. Judging by the amount of people present at the afternoon ceremonies which took place at the club on January 24th. The club itself looked resplendent with its new additions of club house, downstairs lounge, accessible washrooms, new furniture, kitchen, bar and appliances; to say nothing of the all-new exterior siding, stonework and entrance way.

All the officials were there, including as well as many spectators—so the turn out was fantastic to say the least.

Wendy Vermeersch is a volunteer club member, and she fills in as secretary sometimes, as well as writing the Curling Club News for local media. "We've done tons of fund raising to help pay for the renovations," she said. In addition to the monies gathered from fund raising bonspiels and the like, twenty four thousand came from the Trillium Foundation, one hundred thousand came from Dysart et al. The HCDC gave a loan of one hundred and fifty thousand, and a private member, who wishes to remain nameless, gave us another loan of fifty thousand. Bruce Martin mentioned that there will be a small over-ride, but not much, and the club will "pay off the loans in record time."

The speeches were succinct, and to the point, and the ceremonies were over in the flash of the ribbon-cutting ceremony, as the emphasis was definitely on celebrating, and no wonder, it's a great facility and all concerned should be justifiably proud. After the official speeches and ribbon cut was over, everyone headed for the bar. With any luck celebrations might have continued over until the next day, the 25th which was Robbie Burns Day. It all just made you want to pick up rock and broom, blow a bagpipe, eat haggis, and join the fun.

Attention: Contractors and/or Suppliers

R.D. Lawrence Place, a sustainable building, is to be erected at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre April August 2007. If you are interested in being involved, we need help in the following areas: Aggregates, Clay, Concrete forming Electrical, HRV, Plumbing, Renewable energy & Trucking.

Join Chris Magwood, project supervisor, in the Common Room at the Cultural Centre
5 pm. Tuesday, February 13th
to learn more about sustainable building design/construction and our specific requirements.
For further information, call 286-3154 or 286-2808.

Learn about Sustainable Buildings

Are you interested in learning a little more about environmentally friendly & energy efficient sustainable buildings? Chris Magwood, professor at Fleming College and supervisor of the **R.D. Lawrence Place** project, will provide an informative slide presentation
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Haliburton Dance Arts Presents 'Annie'

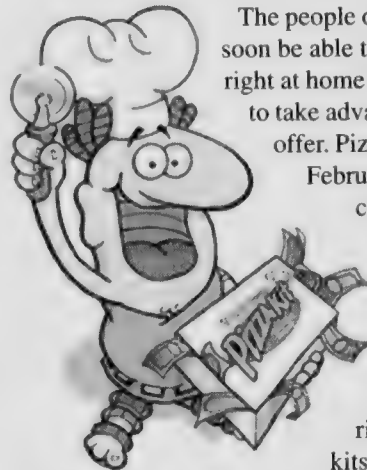
This February the New Children's Theatre Group, together with Haliburton Dance Arts, will be presenting the classic musical "Annie" to Haliburton County audiences. "This isn't the full, Broadway version, however," says Choreographer and Co-Director/Producer Terri Matthews. "There's actually a 'junior' version of the musical, specifically designed for child actors, singers, and dancers, and that's the version we'll be using. It's a little shorter than the original, running about an hour and fifteen minutes."

Now, this is going to be some kind of show. A total of 68 talented Haliburton youngsters started to rehearse back in October with Terri and her Co-Director/Producer Bethany Houghton. Terri founded the Haliburton Dance Arts back in 1996. She's taught dance for over 20 years, and Bethany is a well-known music teacher. Together they're done their best to keep musical dance alive in the County, with great success. For this production they'll be joined by Acting Coaches Elke Zilla and Katherine Boyd.

The musical "Annie" is based on the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie" which debuted way back in 1924 and featured the adventures of a little orphan girl in Depression America. The musical version hit Broadway some 50 years later and immediately became a much-loved international hit. This 'junior' version gives young performers a great chance to perform in a classic musical within an accessible time frame and format.

"We're really excited to be presenting such a terrific work with an all-kids cast. And we can guarantee that it will be a great evening of entertainment," says Terri. All the months of hard work and preparation will culminate in a total of four performances at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Saturday, February 24th and Sunday, February 25th at 2 pm and 7 pm each day. Tickets are just \$10 and can be picked up at Kitchens Etcetera in Haliburton and The Storeroom in Minden. For further information you can contact Haliburton Dance Arts at 705 457-1561.

Little Caesars Pizza Coming to Haliburton & Minden!



The people of Haliburton County will soon be able to enjoy Little Caesars® pizza right at home! But you'll have to act quickly to take advantage of this limited time offer. Pizza kits are on sale now until

February 12. Kits include pizza crusts, sauce, cheese and pepperoni. They're fun, convenient and easy to make - just spread the sauce, add cheese and any additional toppings, bake and enjoy! Mmmm ... brand name pizza right out of the oven! Bread

kits are also available, complete with dough, cheese, garlic sauce and seasonings. The prices are very reasonable and when you order your kits, you'll be supporting the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre.

By now your mouth is watering and you're wondering how to order your pizza and bread kits! Several individuals are ready to take your order, and you can call the Pregnancy Centre at 457-HOPE (4673) or Heather at 448-2052 to hook up with someone in your area. You can also drop into Teddytime (Not Quite Main Street in Haliburton) during regular business hours to place an order. Be sure to get your order in before the February 12 deadline.

Products available:

Pepperoni Pizza Kit - three 12-inch pizzas, \$23

Cheese Pizza Kit - three 12-inch pizzas, \$20

Personal Cheese Pizza Kit - nine 6-inch pizzas, \$21.50

Italian Cheese Bread Kit - 3 10-inch square bread crusts, \$21

Crazy Bread Kit - 3 18-piece bread crusts, \$16.50

The Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre provides free and confidential support, as well as practical help and resources, to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. For more information, please visit their website at

www.haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca

Minden Hills FESTIVAL OF BANNERS

Make this your

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The **Minden Hills Festival of Banners** invites everyone to submit a design for one of the many banners planned for the community this summer. If you are creative and want to share your work with the world, this could be your opportunity.

To enter a design for consideration, simply submit a moquette (design miniature) along with an entry form and the \$5 fee. **Minden Hills Festival of Banners** information packages and entry forms are available from The Storeroom or the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Or we can email it to you. Contact us at culturalcentre@minden.on.ca

The deadline for entries is March 1, 2007

Round Dancing For Healthcare

Mowats Treat Audience to Artistic Demonstration

Many artists have their own studios, but few have a dance studio attached to their house. Dave and Bonnie Mowat are round dancers and they needed the space to practice, in order to improve their performances. "Right now we are very busy dancing about 3 days and 10 hours a week for conventions, teaching weekends, and the like," says Dave. "In June a ballroom couple are coming up from the States to London Ontario. They're internationally known as round dance teachers and choreographers. We'll learn a lot from that experience!"

What is round dancing you might ask, perhaps being more familiar with square dancing. Round dancing is choreographed, cued couples dancing. It's like ballroom dancing and uses ballroom figures, but there are two major differences...it's choreographed ahead of time and then cued to the dancers. Choreographers choose appropriate music and then choose the different movements and figures to fit the music exactly. Dances are choreographed to a myriad of rhythms...waltz, two-step, cha-cha, rumba, jive/swing, foxtrot, tango, bolero, mambo, samba, meringue, salsa, west coast swing, paso doble, quickstep and others.

As the music plays and just ahead of when the dancers must respond, the cuer or caller names each dance figure of the choreography to be done in proper order. Since dances are cued, dancers need not memorize choreography, and can thus dance hundreds of different routines. In a two-hour night of round dancing, a couple could typically dance over thirty choreographed dances.

Since all the dancers are doing the same figures in the same direction at the same time, the choreography can become quite elaborate. The dancers can move great distances with many changes of direction without fear of running into other couples. "All the music you will hear tonight," explains Dave, "has Bonnies voice incorporated, calling the movement-something like the caller for square dancing. Bonnie uses our studio to record in advance, so that we can dance together," he says proudly.

So what brings Dave and Bonnie Mowat out on a cold Saturday night in January, to the gymnasium at the high school, where Dave taught for 30 years? Dale Walker explains. "I'm Executive Director of the Foundation (HHHSF) in charge of raising funds for the two health care facilities in our community, and this is one of the things we are doing. We're very receptive to new funding concepts," she says. There is still an outstanding \$100,000 remaining on a capital loan for the health care facilities, which will be paid off before the foundation starts raising money for other projects like X-ray machines, ceiling lifts and additional beds. Dale goes on to explain,



"The Reach For the Future Christmas mailing letter has raised \$82,000 to date, and that's the best that we have ever had."

"We got the letter from the foundation asking for help on the money that's still owed," explains Bonnie Mowat, "and Dave and I decided to share what we could, which is round dancing demonstrations." Bonnie who in addition to being the caller also designs and makes her costumes says "we'd like people to come here and enjoy the music and dancing that we worked hard to prepare. We're going to attempt to do

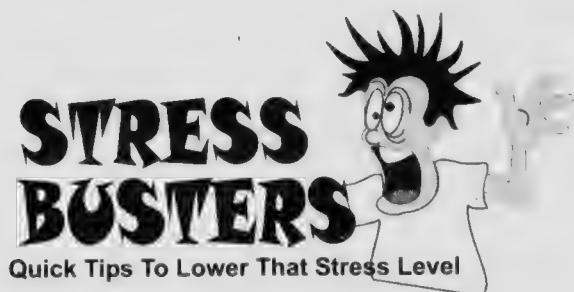
28 dances." There are some people who liken dancers to athletes, and doing that many dances, it's not hard to see why-you have to be in shape.

In front of a knowledgeable audience, and accompanied by some familiar music the Mowat's proceed onto the gymnasium "dance floor." Bonnie's voice is heard over the music and the couple proceed to dance to her directions. The movements are precise, studied, and the couple moves gracefully across the floor, Bonnie's beautiful dress swirling and billowing-out on the fast turns. Their eyes meet regularly in what by now must be precise communication. They don't talk, rather their faces take on the glow of enjoyment and they are constantly smiling at one another. They make it look so easy and effortless. "We do it for the joy of the art. We dance because we both enjoy doing it together," says Dave, "and hopefully as we continue other people will enjoy it with us."

That was the case with the audience on this night. "I'm a square dancer myself," says onlooker Ralph Mintz, "but I'm impressed with how well they do it. Bonnie and Dave are about as good as I've seen at round dancing." Chris Wilde had this to say. "As a line dancing instructor I found it informative. You can see how the steps overlap into traditional line dancing. I think it was an excellent presentation, and the cues were precise and called ahead of time. It's a real talent to be able to call 4 steps ahead-its hard to explain to a non dancer, but you can imagine how impressive it must be to see a whole dance floor filled with beautifully dressed couples dancing in unison to the caller."

Upcoming Demonstrations

If you missed the demonstration on January 13th, Bonnie and Dave will be performing at the high school in Haliburton again, on Saturday February 10th, and Saturday March 3rd between 7 and 9 pm. So come on out for a unique evening of music and dancing, and support our community health care facilities at the same time. Admission is by donation, and refreshments will be available during intermissions.



Establish Pleasurable Routines

During time of increased stress, establishing pleasurable routines can bring comfort and a sense of stability – breakfast out on Saturday or Sunday, a reading night at the library once each week, a family game night once each month, pizza and a video every Friday, etc.

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The Silent Sitting Circle

It is easy to choose silence in our living places, but more difficult to move towards silence within ourselves. Sitting in silence with others – for no other purpose than doing so – not only enhances personal inner silence, but creates a group energy that is larger than ourselves.

Without religious affiliation, an hour of silent sitting will be offered at the Zion United Church group room in Carnarvon once every two weeks. At the beginning, there will be ten minutes of teaching to start and about fifteen minutes for questions at the end. Eventually, as our capacity for silence expands, the teachings and questions will take place outside the hour of silence. Participants can come for all or for the silence only. No social interaction is expected or encouraged in this time.

Leader: Brenda Peddigrew (489-3509) - Place: Zion United Church Group Room, Carnarvon Time: Sunday mornings, 11:30am-12:30pm, bi-weekly, beginning February 25. No fee requested. If you prefer to sit on meditation cushions rather than chairs, please bring your own.

Music as a Calming & Centering Companion

Saturday Feb 17 - 1:00 - 4:00

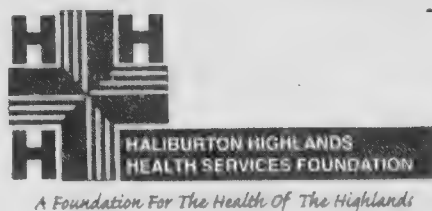
Some folks take winter holidays to get away from the extra streses of winter, but there is an upcoming event that can also help those seeking ways to bring a little relaxation into their lives. As part of their emphasis on reinventing work, Gaia Centre is hosting musician, composer Rick Despard this month. He leads programs designed to enhance one's health, wellness and enjoyment of life in general.

Lean how to console the stress and confusion! While music can't eliminate stress in our lives, you can learn its numerous opportunities to modify and cope with it. Enjoy learning more about yourself and an afternoon with a calming and centering companion called 'music'.

Leader - Rick Despard - is a composer, performer, recording artist, and teacher at all levels including Fleming college, counselor and facilitator in the field of self-discovery and wellness.

Tickets are \$25 and space is limited. To register and for info call 754-2427. Email gaiacentre@sympatico.ca or visit the website at www.gaiacentre.org.

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The Family Health Team To Provide The County with Broad Spectrum of Health Services

By George Farrell

I hope this article will help readers to better understand the state of our health services. Now many of you are very pleased with the way things have progressed in terms of accessibility to physicians, especially those of you who live in and around the village of Haliburton. You have the brand new Haliburton Highlands Health Centre with its network of 9 doctors. Some other people however, who may live in more remote regions of the county, or who live a lot closer to the Minden Hospital (which presently houses only one family physician), might feel a bit left out in the cold. This is understandable, but fear not, help is on the way.

I spoke recently with Beth Archibald who is the Executive Director of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, an organization that is on its way to providing the county with the broad spectrum of health services it requires. "I'm governed by a board of directors who look after the vision, direction, and fiscal matters. The organization came into being in July 2006, and receives 100% of its funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. It's an interdisciplinary team providing primary care," says Beth by way of introduction. "It's not just one type of person providing primary care, but it's any number of disciplines depending on the needs of the community. There's registered dietitians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers, pharmacists and physiotherapists," she explains, "the list goes on."

"As a team, the most appropriate person looks after a patient's needs. For instance, someone who comes in with nutritional deficiencies gets looked after by a dietitian. Having an interdisciplinary team makes the care to people broader and deeper." So, it's not hard to see the benefits that a team of professionals can have over a single individual. However, things take time to sort out. This initiative after all is not a quick fix, it's a long-term project and they want to do it right. Even when all the elements are up and running it will still take some time to smooth out all the bumps, so be patient people, and realize that the right steps are being taken.

"We consulted with all the health agencies in the county to find out what was required," Beth continues. "I met personally with all the heads of agencies. Because it's a small health and social-services community, we all knew each other, so it was easy to partner with them, but because we are the new kids on the block we needed to find out how we could inter-relate." This process would help Beth in determining the people, and skills that were needed.

"We were one of the first applicants accepted by The Ministry of Health for the Family Health Team concept, and in October of 2006 we launched a recruitment campaign to recruit the health professionals we were approved for," she says. "So now we're in

the selection process and we're half way to hiring all the people we need. Those people we have already are Doug Stewart, who is a part time pharmacist, Shannon Robinson, a registered nurse co-ordinating Chronic Disease Management, Connie Wood, co-ordinating healthy Living/Chronic Disease Prevention, Barb Fraser, social worker, and Sheena McLeod, part time registered dietitian. Support workers are Camilla Pettit and Tammy Villamere. They work in the area of administration, and help the team to be effective and efficient. We're currently interviewing for nurse practitioners, and another registered nurse who will concentrate on senior's health, and in the next 3-6 months we hope to have a chiroprapist (foot specialist), and another registered nurse, looking after a healthy-kids program. We're still in the development stage of everything."

The Family Health Team will be located on the 1st floor of the Haliburton Health Centre, and also in the Community Health wing of the Minden

Hospital. So far the only services available are pharmacy education services. "Doug Stewart's role is to provide counseling and education to individuals with medication needs," explains Beth, "like starting new medications, people on lots of medication who need help sorting it out; people whose medications are not working.

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Patients may go through their doctor in order to have a consultation with Doug. He does not dispense medications, and he does not fill prescriptions. You still have to go to your pharmacy for that," she says, with some emphasis. "As team members are added and programs planned, other services will be started. We should be up to full capacity and full steam by the end of 2007, if we're successful in recruiting our needs."

The face of medical diagnosis and treatment has been changing greatly in recent years, and has benefited greatly from digital technology. Now it is possible to access a patients' health history electronically. There is also a system in place whereby, a health practitioner can be hooked up via satellite TV, and have a patient

in the hospital be diagnosed by a specialist in another location, say Toronto. The specialist can see the patient and give directions to the practitioner and receive results "live on air" and give the required diagnosis. It can save the patient from taking a long arduous trip outside the county. This is all pretty advanced stuff, but it all takes time to set up and get working smoothly.

The Family Health Team in Haliburton and Minden will also be connected to the Family Health Network group of 9 doctors in the Haliburton Highlands Health Centre. When all the software is in place a patient may be seen in Minden or Haliburton by any health professional, including physicians who are part of the Family Health Network. Beth explains, "this is a regional team but there may still be doctors working independently who are not formally part of the Family Health Team, because they have chosen to work on a fee-for-service basis, or bill OHIP, whereas the Family Health Network of doctors is paid by the government in a different way, which is similar to a salary."

What this means to you people who don't have a family physician at the present time, but who are looking for one, is that the physician, when he or she arrives, may, or may not be part of the Family Health Network. First we have to get the doctors here, but one step at a time. Beth explains, "I also sit on the Haliburton County health Professionals Recruitment Committee which has been concentrating on recruiting Family Physicians to our region. We are trying to recruit-family physicians to come to our region. They may join the Family Health Team or not. That would be a mutual decision. This committee is a coalition of agencies and groups that are all equally concerned with the physician shortage in our region and are committed to improving primary health care. Every fall we go on a road-show to universities to present our community. We advertise in medical journals and other media. We created a dvd which we distribute on the road- show, and we also

mail it out to prospective doctors. Plus you can see it on the Family Health Team website www.hhfht.com. We've made brochures to hand out, and we arrange for prospective physicians to visit our county and we show them around."

Some people will have to wait a while longer until they have their own family physician located closer to them, and let's be realistic; those people who are very remotely located will still have a bit of a drive. But it appears that in the not- too-distant future most of us will be very well serviced indeed. "In five years time we want everyone to have access to a family doctor or nurse practitioner, and the health services they need," concludes Beth.

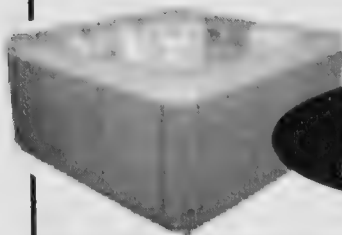
As the Family Health Team continues to develop, permanent phone numbers will become available to the public. In the meantime, to get in touch with the Family health Team you can email info@hhfht.com

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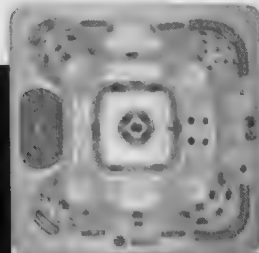
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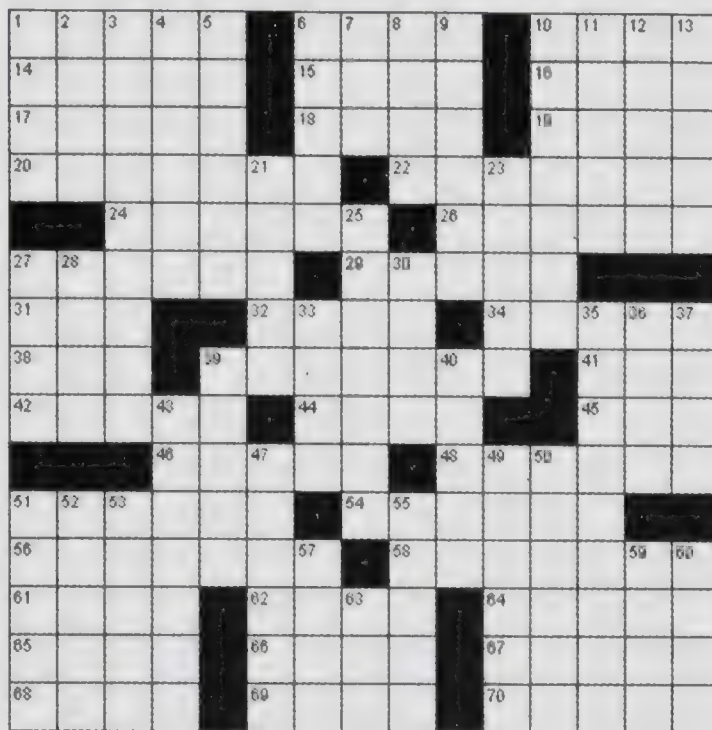
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Across

- 1 Magnificent
- 6 Dirty-minded
- 10 Taxi passenger
- 14 Sound
- 15 Feel sore
- 16 Austian painter Schiele
- 17 Simple tool
- 18 Well behaved
- 19 "Shane" actor
- 20 Half-witted
- 22 Confines
- 24 Elevator alternative
- 26 Like arcade games
- 27 Spinach, etc.
- 29 "In other words ..."
- 31 SOS response
- 32 Goya's "The Duchess of _"
- 34 Long-term convict
- 38 Actor Mineo
- 39 Like a Cyclops
- 41 Foofaraw
- 42 Undergrad course
- 44 Its capital is Baghdad
- 45 Election winners
- 46 Island west of Maui
- 48 Extremists
- 51 Beguile
- 54 Zoo section
- 56 Babylonian sun god
- 58 Greek vowel
- 61 Lock part
- 62 _ de force
- 64 Trite
- 65 "Now it's clear!"
- 66 Night birds
- 67 Ancient Aegean region
- 68 Western friend
- 69 Nerve network
- 70 Biblical witch's home

Down

- 1 Festive
- 2 Regrets
- 3 By design
- 4 Dolce far _
- 5 "The Picture of _ Gray"
- 6 Brewed beverage
- 7 Environmental prefix
- 8 Defeat decisively
- 9 Infer
- 10 "La Dolce Vita" director
- 11 Once more
- 12 Cowboys' competition
- 13 Become, finally
- 21 Month after Adar
- 23 Explorer Amundsen
- 25 Area between the Urals and the Pacific
- 27 Pant
- 28 Narrow inlets
- 30 Mexican Indian
- 33 "Star Wars" princess
- 35 Enchanting place
- 36 Author Ferber
- 37 Supreme Supreme
- 39 "Butterfield 8" author
- 40 Outfit
- 43 Walked heavily
- 47 Wise old man
- 49 Dog star
- 50 Largest moon of Neptune
- 51 On board
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Learn More About Our Past: Genealogy Group A Place To Start

The next meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held Wednesday, February 14th in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (please enter by the back door). Doors open at 6pm, speaker at 7pm. The speaker will be HHGG member Milt Sheppard whose topic will be "Pyramids and Human E". No charge, everyone welcome. Refreshments available. Bring and win raffle. For more information, please contact Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225.

About the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

The HHGG meets 5 times a year, the 2nd Wednesday of February, April, June, September and December. Membership is \$10 a year and members receive 4 copies of the Group's newsletter "Original Roots".

The HHGG was established in 1990. Its goals and objectives are:

- Gather and preserve information, articles, books, manuscripts and maps relevant to genealogical studies, and to make them available to our members. (The HHGG reference library is housed in the Minden Hills Museum.)
- Collect family histories, facts and stories of early pioneers of Haliburton County.
- Discuss personal research progress, problems and hurdles with our members.
- Assist and guide our members in their research, to the best of our ability.
- Encourage interest and membership in HHGG through local events.
- Socialize with persons who have a common interest in genealogy.
- Participate and encourage interest in other genealogical and historical events.
- Publish a magazine as a means of communicating with our non-local members.
- Try to make every HHGG meeting a fun-filled and informative gathering.
- Collect local cemetery data for printed publication and in a searchable database.

Just under 336,000 searchable cemetery records for Haliburton County and other southern Ontario counties, are available on the HHGG computer, in the CemSearch database. All Haliburton County cemeteries (and a few bordering cemeteries) have been transcribed by HHGG and are available for purchase.

For a brochure or information, the HHGG can be contacted at: Box 834 Minden, ON K0M 2K0; e-mail: hhggroup@gmail.com; membership and other information is available on the website at www.rootsweb.com/~onhhgg/; phone Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.



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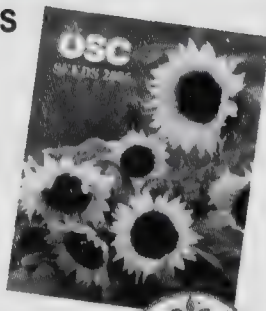
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Reflections from SoulWinds

by Brenda Peddigrew

A Quality of Light

Have you noticed the difference in the light these past few months, with so little snow and the long overcast of November? There were days, it seems, of only grayness, of evening in the afternoon. Some days my eyes could hardly bear to look at it, and I found myself doing a lot of walking with eyes cast down, though there was no need to be careful of icy footing either.

We have been hearing for years now, about global warming, but the escalating mention of this phrase every time there is an unexpected weather system or a change in predictable pattern is deceiving. Even in our recorded history, which is miniscule in the long unfolding of history, there have been many such unexpected seasons. Perhaps it is more important to expand our short seeing into a longer view, than to be hooked by the escalating anxiety of media voices of doom, whether it be about global warming or the coming flu pandemic, which is now sliding almost daily into the evening news.

This is not to say that neither exists or neither will happen. It is more about where we choose to place our attention: on the things we can affect, or the things we cannot. Though we can definitely decide how we choose to live our own lives, our attitudes towards events and what we make priority for each day, we cannot decide the quality of weather-light, or what it might bring us. Yet the first also clearly affects the second.

I miss the light of the sun. I miss the snow – though admittedly I am also relieved and thankful for a winter (so far) of less worry about driving and going places without that added concern. I have noticed also – with alarm – that when I'm standing outside in the few hours of direct sun we have had, the warmth is more like a March sun than a January one. I feel it on my back, warming me. I also notice with worry that some bushes have spring buds unfolding, and that green patches are visible in parts of the wet ground.

The alarm is important, because it causes me to be more attentive to what is actually happening with the planet, how her predictability is changing in ways we can actually track in our lifetime. But it also confronts me with a kind of human arrogance that I am very frequently guilty of: do we really think we CAN destroy this planet? The escalation around us of thinking we can actually do so has pushed me to a different thought: that she is, after all, with so many disturbances and disasters, really making her own adjustments, taking care of her own being, and survives with or without us.

The absence of light in this season has alerted me to how I take for granted the consistency of seasons, which perhaps has never been true. What does it say to you?

try this: on a dull, overcast day (not hard to find) go outside – or notice from your window – what your inner response is to the lack of light. Allow yourself to fully feel whatever it is. No more is needed – just the noticing.

The 2 Chairs Exhibit

A Real Coup for the Agnes Jamieson Gallery

When you hear the name of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts (RCA) attached to an art exhibit it is reason to sit up and take notice. So, sit up and take notice of what's happening right now at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Curator Laurie Carmount has worked long and hard with a group of nine artists, and leaders within the studio furniture domain to put together what can only be described as something "unique and innovative, with many layers of meaning;" as Laurie explains in the excellent collectors booklet which accompanies the exhibit.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is mainly known for its collection of works by Andre Lapine. In fact the Lapine collection has stimulated the beautiful additions and renovations to the gallery while also setting the tone of traditional Canadian works; with local artists making up about fifty percent of the exhibits.

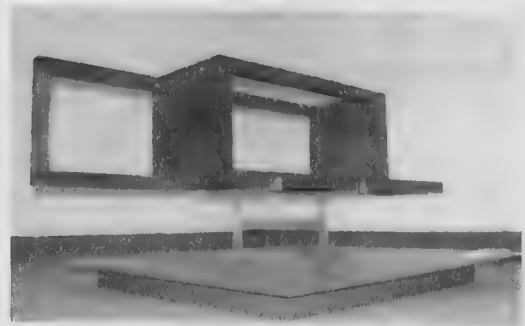
The gallery is a success story, and it is this success and the recognition it's garnered that has enabled the gallery to put on the atypical 2 Chairs exhibit.

"It is by far the largest, most prestigious exhibit Haliburton County has ever had, and it was only made possible because of the recent expansion and renovation," explains Laurie. But a show about chairs? To most people chairs are strictly functional things, and probably the most famous chair most people know about is Archie Bunkers chair from the TV series 'All in the Family;' but hey, that chair is now in the Smithsonian Institution, so why not our own exhibit devoted to chairs?

A concise explanation about the 2 Chairs exhibit is taken from the introduction in the booklet, as written by Laurie Carmount. "There was an idea. What happens when an everyday item is changed into something known yet (at the same time) is utterly different? There was another idea. What if one takes a very familiar object-like a chair, something that has been a part of civilization longer than any other furniture; reflecting our beliefs, fashions and histories-and does something with it?"

"Artists were invited to ponder these ideas and then produce two chairs, one functional and one conceptual, resulting in this exhibition. These artists; Wendell Castle, Heidi Earnshaw, Michael Elmitt, Peter Fleming, Michael Grace, Stephen Hogbin, Michael Hosaluk, Gork Peteran and Peter Pierobon are leaders within the studio furniture domain. There is a mutual relationship between ideas and questions. The question posed in this exhibition is this. Where does art begin, and what role does conceptual thinking play in the furniture form? Then behold, another idea. As the artists developed their concepts, did there need to be two physical chairs? What if 'one' chair could be seen as 'two' - still addressing the art and design comparison? The artists were left to determine this and reflect on it in their artistic statements."

Pretty heady stuff. Are you ready to actually give some thought



to not only what you see, but also to the reasoning behind how each artist got to his or her final chair design? You can see why this exhibit is quite unlike anything seen before in our fair land, as it has a cerebral interactive component, as opposed to merely taking the art at its face value. But there's no need to worry about "not getting it," as it's all explained in the booklet, which can be purchased at the gallery. You can consult the booklet as you go along, and have a much better idea as to what it's all about, or you can just enjoy it for what you think it is.

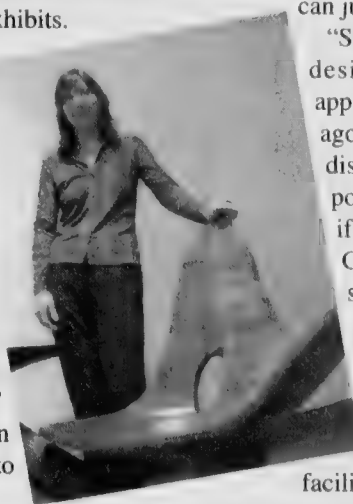
"Stephen Hogbin, one of the artists, who also teaches design fundamentals at the School of the Arts, approached me about the 'chair' concept about two years ago," says curator Carmount. Initially there was a lot of discussion between us, as he was coming from the position of a furniture designer. My main concern was if we could financially do this. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery could not afford the exhibition because it is such a big undertaking, so I applied for funding assistance to the Canada Council for the Arts, The Ontario Arts Council, and the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Everything depended on full funding, and I believe we got the funding because of our track record and our expanded

facilities. Stephen approached the other artists involved, and even though all the artists agreed to do this, and all achieved the goal set out for them, each piece is totally different," Laurie enthuses.

To give you some idea of how big a deal this exhibition is, consider this; after its debut at our own Agnes Jamieson Gallery it goes to the John B. Aird Gallery in Toronto for the month of April, then on to Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Nelson BC, "and hopefully," says Laurie, "to the 2007 Furniture Conference," which also takes place in British Columbia. Not until 2008 is the 2 Chairs exhibition available to tour around Ontario.

"The 2 Chairs Exhibition is huge recognition to let other galleries, institutions, and the public at large know who we are," says Laurie. "A recognized show like this can really help in the area of recognition for our own collections like Lapine. I really hope that everyone makes an effort to come and see this exhibit, because it's very significant for the arts in Haliburton County, and in Canada, and for locals who appreciate art. Now they don't always have to go to the big city to see an exhibition like this."

So whatever else you do between now and March 3rd, don't miss the 2 Chairs exhibition. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd, in beautiful downtown Minden, and can be reached by calling 286-3763.



Preserving the History of Ontario Hydro in Minden

A Great Booklet for History Buffs

By George Farrell

Have you tried recently to talk to a real person from the Minden branch of Ontario Hydro? If you have tried then you know that it's virtually impossible, and probably after a lengthy time on the phone, you have finally given up in frustration. Going in person to the office on Highway 35 in Minden brings similar results. You just can't find anybody to talk to. It's just another in a long list of faceless organizations that consumers are constantly faced with. Things were not always this way at Ontario Hydro, and now we have a booklet to prove it. It's called 'Preserving the History of Ontario Hydro in Minden', and it's the brainchild of Phil M. Graham and Alex (Buzz) Godin, both long time employees of Ontario Hydro in Minden. A total of fifty copies have been on sale at the Storeroom, Golden Stationers, and the Museum in Minden, and there are precious few of them left; but more about availability later. To find out about how the book came into being, and about the men behind the concept, I talked to Phil Graham at his riverside house in Minden.

Phil's roots in the county go right back to his great grandfather, who moved up from Orangeville to Lutterworth many years ago, and Phil himself was born in Minden in 1924.

He attended public school at the old schoolhouse in Minden, at the site of what is now Archie Stouffer elementary. "When I was 12 years old," Phil remembers, "I went up to see the opening ceremonies at the new Orillia Water Light and Power Generating Station in Minden. I bicycled up there to see the power turned on. When they turned it on there was a hell of a big bang, and I didn't know whether to run, hide, or what," he says laughing.

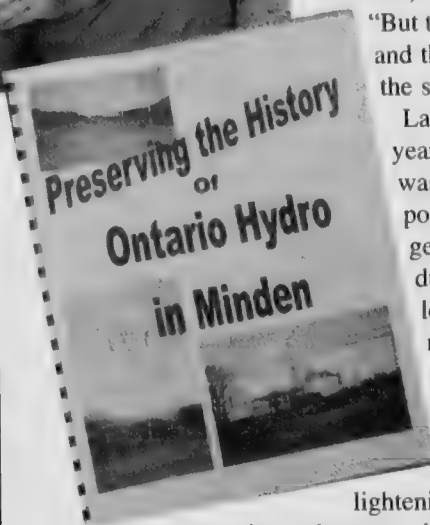
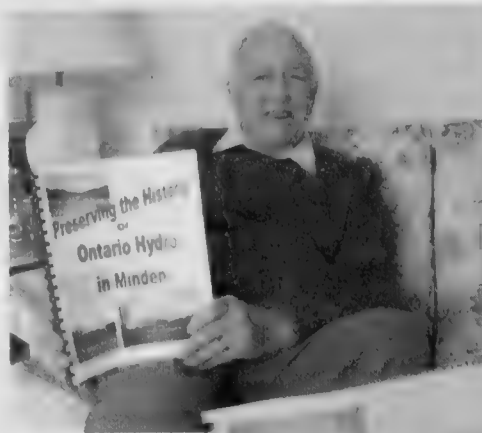
"But they had it all under control, and the big bang was caused by the switches being turned on."

Later on, when Phil was 18 years old, one of his first jobs was as a floor man in the power house at the same generating station. "My duties were reading water levels, sweeping, and monitoring the equipment to make sure everything was working as it was supposed to. I tell you when there was a

lightening storm I never knew what was going to happen - there was a lot of arcing, and breakers going on and off, and I would give the operator a hand."

Phil's first job at the Hydro Plant didn't last long as war broke out in Europe, and he went over to help out. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served as a wireless operator on Halifax bombers. He saw action over Germany and Czechoslovakia, and was fortunate to survive. He returned to the Minden area in 1946, and was hired on again by Ontario Hydro, where he remained at various jobs until his retirement in 1983. "When I retired," Phil recalls, "I was a line foreman. Then I did about 6 years of teaching at the original Hydro School, which was in Toronto on Royal York Road, and also later on I taught in Niagara Falls."

After his retirement the seeds of what was ultimately to become a booklet took root in Phil's mind. "I was always looking for a list of employees, and so was Buzz Godin," Phil says. "He was a line foreman too, and we were good buddies from start to finish. We got together and decided we'd like a story about the whole works - a story for anyone who was interested in the history of Ontario Hydro in what they called the Minden area, which actually covered most of Haliburton County - and a story





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especially for the employees and former employees," he explains. "We went to Kate Hall at U-Links for help with research to get us started. Kate contacted Trent University to get a research student, and that student turned out to be Jennifer Page. Jennifer interviewed 8 former employees, including myself. I would especially like to thank Carol Simmons of the Minden Museum for helping to get the information into book form. Buzz and I started the project in the fall of 2003, but Buzz died in 2004," Phil sadly recalls.

"Boy, he had great memories and stories like you wouldn't believe, and I miss him a lot that's for sure."

"A lot of what Buzz and I had in mind is in the book, and I think Buzz would like the way it's turned out," says Phil Graham. "Three hundred and eighty employees have worked through the Minden area for Ontario Hydro, and we haven't got the complete list of names," he says. "I would like anybody out there who knows of people who worked at the Ontario Hydro Minden area, from 1936 to 1995 to get in touch because we plan to update our information, especially the employees list, in the next edition of our booklet."

When asked to comment on Ontario Hydro today, especially on the sad state of affairs regarding public relations with consumers, Phil Graham looks sad, and wistfully remembers the way it once was. "There was no power in most of the county until 1936, and from '36 to '46 we were putting up hydro poles and lines. Back then everybody used to like to go to work. There was a staff of 60 people and we did everything, and we made it our business to know the people in the community. It was like one big family, everyone knew everyone else. Today Ontario Hydro bears no likeness at all to what it was. Now you can't even find a person to talk to if you want to get in touch with anybody. Even by phone you're not likely to find anyone from around here to talk to."

'Preserving the History of Ontario Hydro in Minden', is a very interesting booklet for anyone in our area who is fascinated by history. Contents contain chapters on Consumption, Expansion, Training, Forestry and Construction, Sales and Customer Service, and a whole lot more. What is of particular interest is a short chapter titled Massive Retirement in Minden.



In it Phil says "The individuals that were part of massive expansion of Hydro retired throughout the 1980's. They retired just as Hydro's sense of 'Hydro community' was reshaped with an emphasis on the profit line, rather than on the staff and community, that had previously defined Hydro."

Phil Graham's history of Hydro in Minden is still a work in progress, and new editions will be published when more information comes forth. When the next edition comes out shortly, you can obtain your copy at Golden Stationers, the Minden Museum or at the Storeroom in Minden. To reserve a copy you can call Carol Simmons at the Minden Museum at 286-3154 or call Phil Graham at 286-2024.

If you have any information or photographs of the early days of Ontario Hydro in Minden, and especially regarding the employee list, Phil Graham would sure like to hear from you.

Pictured on previous page is Phil Graham with a copy of his booklet. Pictured this page is a photo sent by Carol Simmons of the old Hydro Crew.



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by Lea Kitler

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What does the S in the dollar sign represent?

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The subject of the dollar sign was close to Professor Cajori's heart, and he could get quite indignant on the subject. As he tartly noted in his book, "About a dozen different theories [on the dollar sign's origin] have been advanced by men of imaginative minds, but not one of these would-be historians permitted himself to be hampered by the underlying facts." Among the deficient hypotheses:

- (1) The dollar sign was originally the letters U and S superimposed. The idea here is that the original dollar sign had two vertical lines, not one. Popular though this idea is, there is zero documentary evidence for it. Furthermore, Robert Morris, the Revolutionary War financier and the first U.S. official to use the dollar sign, made it with a single vertical stroke.
- (2) It's a version of the letters IHS, the Greek abbreviation of the name Jesus. No further comment required.
- (3) It was originally a P combined with an 8. The dollar, you'll recall, is descended from the Spanish dollar, also known as the "piece of eight" because it consisted of eight reals. Plausible, and as we shall see not that far from the truth, but still wrong.
- (4) The sign was inspired by the Spanish "pillar dollar," which on one side had two columns signifying the "pillars of Hercules" at Gibraltar. These were represented in the dollar sign by the two vertical lines, with the S being some sort of scroll wrapped around them.

So much for the tomfoolery; now to get serious. Professor Cajori contends that the dollar sign is an abbreviation for "pesos." Bear in mind that the Spanish dollar, also known as the peso de 8 reales, was the principal coin in circulation up until 1794. In handwriting, "pesos" was usually abbreviated lowercase "ps," with S above and to the right of the P and with the hook on the latter written with one or two deep strokes. As time went on, the P and the S tended to get mashed together and the result was \$.

The dollar sign and the PS abbreviation were used interchangeably from around 1775 until the end of the century, after which the latter faded from view.



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Friends Of The Frost Centre To Continue As A Voice For Outdoor And Environmental Education

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Frost Centre (FFC) was held at the Kinmount Community Centre on Saturday, January 6th 2007. Thirty-three people met to review the past activities of the FFC and discuss the future of the organization.

One of the key pieces of business under discussion was whether or not to disband the Friends, given the decision by the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) at the end of November to award the contract for the operation of the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre to the FCI Group, rather than to the FFC. (The Friends was one of only two groups that had been invited to submit bids for the Centre's operation after a general call for expressions of interest earlier in the year.) Thus a major question facing the FFC was whether or not they had any continuing purpose and focus as an organization.

The discussion at the Annual General Meeting revealed that members felt strongly that the FFC represented a constituency of considerable expertise and interest concerning the importance of outdoor and environmental education in the region and indeed the province overall. The group's perspective was that the Frost Centre was simply the vehicle through which this expertise was going to be expressed, and that the awarding of the operating contract to another bidder in no way terminated the Friends' ability to continue as a useful voice in outdoor and environmental education.

Accordingly, after considerable discussion about alternative possibilities, the members overwhelmingly voted in favour of continuing as an organization. A 'New Directions' committee tasked with exploring specific options and implications of alternative roles was struck, and will be reporting back to the directors by the spring.

"This is an exciting new chapter for the Friends" said Barrie Martin, the new Co-Chair of the Board of the Friends. "Even though we were not selected to be the operator, our main purpose as an organization over the last couple of years has been achieved – to see the Frost Centre continue to be available to the people of Ontario for outdoor education. Having accomplished that, it is time to move on to new challenges and we are enthusiastic about the possibilities that lie ahead."

The other newly-appointed Co-Chair, Trish Manning, agrees. "There are a number of possible roles we are exploring, that will

make good use of the incredible knowledge and experience of our members" she said. She added that, since the ORC decision, the Friends had several different environmental and regional organizations approach them, urging them to continue be a voice for outdoor education in the area.

Over the next few months, the New Directions Committee will be consulting with members, local and provincial organizations and other interested parties to determine how the Friends, as a charitable organization, can best serve the environmental and outdoor education community thus shaping the future role for the organization. One anticipated change will likely be to a new name reflecting whatever new role is developed.

Anyone wanting further information, or who would like to become a member, is urged to call 1-877-892-9955, email friendsofthefrostcentre@gmail.com or visit www.friendsofthefrostcentre.ca

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Meet Big Al ...A Man Whose Heart Overflows With Generosity

By Sherrill Sherwood

The year is 1969. Local radio personality Al Kwasniewski has just graduated from high school and Woodstock beckons. Al and a buddy jump in Al's Chev Nova and forge ahead to the now famous three day concert in Upper State New York. Stopping every thirty miles or so to fill the radiator with water, the car carries them into history on the second day of the concert. Although some memories are a little vague, what Al vividly remembers is Jimi Hendrix playing the National Anthem. He also remembers losing his pants. Finding a different pair that had separated from their owner, Al tries to put them on but can't get them past his hips since they are women's jeans. He covers up with the next pair he manages to find. Apparently lots of people lost their pants on the rain soaked, mud splattered fields. Al left his Chev Nova at Woodstock, got a ride over the border to Canada and hitchhiked home to Toronto.

Jump ahead to 2006 and you'll find Al in Haliburton co-hosting an NFL radio talk show on CANOE FM and volunteering for the local Canadian Cancer Society and Community Care.

Arriving in Canada from Germany with his parents at the age of four, Al loved football and hockey from an early age. His wish as a youngster to be a sports broadcaster was awakened again a few years ago when he heard football talk on the all volunteer local radio station CANOE FM. With a belief in himself and determination to bring his love of the game to the airwaves, Al decided one day to present his idea to the station manager Don Cameron. A deal was made with another football fan, Durango Dave, to co-host a fifteen minute segment on Saturday mornings called "Big Al's Fearless Picks". The show was well received and Al's dream of broadcasting sports came true. Durango Dave moved on and the NFL talk is now co-hosted with Mike Jaycock, whom Al describes as "very good, an experienced man who can ask a lot of questions".

Asked how he prepares for the show, Al says it takes him three hours to formulate the fifteen minute program using notes he takes while watching the games and doing internet research. Al predicts the winners for the upcoming games and explains the reasoning

behind his choices to the listeners. As of December 16, 2006, Al's correct predictions for the season were 31 out of 56, or 55.35%. The football enthusiast watches twelve hours of football every Sunday and has done so for the last twenty-five years. Then there's Monday night football, Thursday night football and now Saturday night as well.

Al and Diane, his wife of twenty-two years, spent ten years "cottaging" at the Haliburton Wildlife Reserve before moving permanently to Haliburton from Toronto. Al's employment over the years included driving truck from Quebec to Windsor, driving for Canada Post and also for the Toronto District School Board. Al retired from the School Board and they bought a home close to West Guilford.

The combination of driving experience and a love of people has been a God-send to local patients in need of transportation to and from appointments for cancer treatment, kidney dialysis and other life threatening illnesses.

Al's genuine concern for his fellow man is evident in his actions and also when he speaks of the patients he transports. Careful to avoid any mention of names, Al says people sometimes open up to him on the long drives and he is there to listen. Long time members of the community also regale stories of the early years of Haliburton; working in the bush, when the train coming to Haliburton was a part of their life, and other history. After dropping off a patient to their destination, there is usually a three to five hour wait for the treatment to finish before transporting them back home to Haliburton County. Al has also volunteered for the local Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization in a fund raising capacity. His earliest volunteer work was in Toronto at the Hospital for Sick Kids in the cancer ward.

A Toronto Maple Leaf season ticket holder since 1975, Al is either at the hockey game or watching it on television, sometimes having to flip between hockey and football channels. This passion for hockey was also brought to the airwaves on CANOE FM last year when a panel was formed with Durango Dave, Paul Cameron and Al, after the football season had ended.

Al has managed to combine his love of football, hockey, people and driving in a way that has brought meaning to his life and helped society. While "Big Al" is actually small in physical stature, this moniker surely applies to Al's heart, which overflows with generosity towards those in need.

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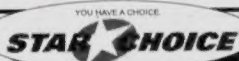


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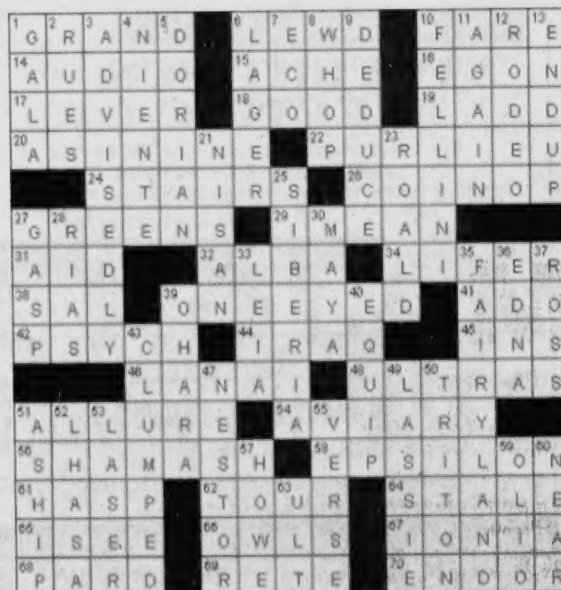
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